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**Shop or chop? Waitrose trees
'under threat' of felling. See Page 5**



Scouts and Guides shatter world record at big day in Romilly Park



LEFT:
The human fleur-de-lis that was created by more than 800 Scouts and Guides in Romilly Park, in an attempt to break a world record. The attempt is now awaiting ratification by the Guinness organisation.

Aerial photograph
by Anthony
Barber of
Anteaphotography.

OVER 800 Scouts, Guides and members of the public gathered at the 66th annual Scout and Guide fete at Romilly Park, Barry on July 6 to create a human fleur-de-lis.

The participants put on red ponchos to mark out the fleur-de-lis shape and remained in place for five minutes to break the current record of 445 people. They now have to wait for their attempt to be verified to see if they will be placed in the Book of World Records.

Tir a Mor district commissioner

Chris Parsons said: "The annual fete gives us the chance to raise valuable funds for our groups and to get Scouting and Guiding out in the community. I'd like to thank all of our supporters over the years, in particular our patrons and advertisers whose support has been invaluable. The fete helps boost the funds to support each of the voluntary youth groups operating in Barry and the surrounding district as well."

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When Boris came to Barry



THE Boris Johnson bandwagon rolled in Barry last weekend, and there was not a bus to be seen.

Mr Johnson, one of two candidates for the role of PM, arrived for the whistle-stop visit partway through a day of meetings and on his way to a hustings with his rival, Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt.

He was met at Barry seafront by Secretary of State for Wales and Vale MP Alun Cairns, who had just given a talk at a Bridgend constituency afternoon tea.

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Just what would Mr Davies cut?

LIKE Mr Andrew RT Davies (The GEM, July 4) I have also read readers' frustration regarding the recent decision concerning the M4 relief road.

As a frequent user of the road myself, I sympathise with their viewpoint and I am disappointed that the enquiry has been such a drain on public money. However, I am also disappointed that Mr Davies does not explain to readers how a Welsh Conservative Government would fund 'sending in the diggers'.

It is patronising of Mr Davies to imagine that readers of The GEM do not know that the proposed scheme would cost between £1.6 billion and £2 billion, and that such a huge cost would make a very significant impact on Welsh Government capital spending on health, housing and education.

Which of these would Mr Davies cut? Politicians need to not just tell us what they want to do, but how they will do it.

Geoffrey Poole,
Llantwit Major.

Pleas for trees fell on deaf ears

IAM disappointed to read that Llantwit Major town councillors think that large scale tree planting can wait five to 10 years.

I wonder whether it's time for some new councillors, with more understanding of the urgency of the climate disaster facing our children, and their children. I would have expected the council to have been in contact with the developers of new housing around the town to ensure that the trees and hedges cut down will be replaced.

There are dozens, if not hundreds of places around the town where trees could be planted and grow without disturbing anyone, or posing any danger to passers-by. Their only impact would be to help endangered wildlife, cool the streets on hot days and make the town more attractive.

Planting trees, lots of trees, is widely acknowledged to be the easiest, cheapest and least

disruptive way of capturing at least some of the carbon currently released into the atmosphere.

People often despair that there is nothing that they can do to prevent the planet overheating; planting trees is something we can do, but we need to do it now.

There are dozens, if not hundreds of places around the town where trees could be planted and grow without disturbing anyone, or posing any danger to passers-by.

Their only impact would be to help endangered wildlife, cool the streets on hot days and make the town more attractive.

Liz Hayes,
Llantwit Major.

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Don't declare a 'climate emergency' if you won't do something about it

THE Vale Council has declared a 'Climate Emergency'.

What a shame then that the Local Development Plan (LDP) is one of the biggest contributors to this problem.

You cannot build 10,000 houses across the Vale without expecting about 20,000 more cars on the roads, all expelling carbon gases.

You then compound this effect by taking away trees and hedgerows, all known to reduce these gases.

The development plan talks about reducing the need of the local people to use their cars.

How so? One train an hour,

buses that are frequently late or don't turn up at all and cycle paths that nobody uses.

I realise that it is fashionable for the Government and now Welsh Assembly (who incidentally played a big part in allowing this development plan) to talk the 'green' talk, but it's time that these institutions now faced up to their responsibility, because you can't just say you're going to declare a climate emergency unless you intend to do something about it.

A good start would be to cancel plans for an industrial estate on Port Road: nobody wants or needs this, or the damage to the local ecology of this area. As for the

2,000 jobs this will create, we have heard this time and again, and these jobs never happen.

There is still more than five years remaining of the council's LDP, so presumably more building and wrecking of the local environment.

I would say to Cllr Neil Moore, the Council Leader, it really is very simple: carry on with the fantasy of your Climate Emergency, or actually do something positive and maybe revisit the plans, because just stating the emergency doesn't actually prove that you are going to do anything about it.

JA Hopkins,
Rhoose.

Vale residents seem 'unaware' of proposals for Model Farm

ICANNOT understand why the Vale Council is considering allowing the Model Farm site to be developed.

There is already a business park near the airport which is not fully developed and further land adjacent to it if there is actually demand.

Even if there is demand, I am not clear why the council consider this particular site should be developed.

The WAG's planning policy is that brownfield sites, ie those which have been previously developed, should be used in preference to farmland. There is land at St Athan airfield which I believe could be developed.

For that matter, the land at the former Llandow airfield is still largely undeveloped and would certainly be

suitable for the proposed use. Surely either of these sites should be used before the prime farmland of the Model Farm?

Again, perhaps the council might care to give us an explanation why they seem to be bent on ignoring WAG policy and explain to local residents why they believe this site, if developed, will not cause even more serious traffic problems at Weycock Cross.

Apart from the works being carried on (slowly) there are regularly extensive traffic queues on Port Road.

For them to be increased by further development will adversely affect the lives of residents in Rhoose, the other Vale villages and Barry.

It is said that the site was allocated in the current Development

Plan. I was certainly not aware of this proposal and nor apparently are most local residents. I believe this was due to a failure on the part of the council to publicise adequately this highly controversial proposal.

In my view, any planning application should be called in by the WAG and made the subject of a Public Enquiry so that the views of affected residents can be heard. Perhaps our AMs Andrew RT Davies and Jane Hutt would give us undertakings that this will be done.

I am not sure if Mr Cairns would be involved in this, but feel that he too should liaise with the WAG to ensure the matter is properly considered.

Gavin Davies,
Penmark.

Welsh Government should better fund Welsh NHS

IRECENTLY spent two nights on the Duthie Ward at the University of Wales Hospital in Cardiff for a minor operation.

The care I received from the staff was excellent, but I was shocked to discover that most of the sheets on the beds had holes in because they were so old.

Surely nothing

illustrates more clearly the need for most of us, myself included, to pay more taxes to ensure that the Health Service and Education are properly funded?

Despite this, we have some politicians so remote from reality that they are talking about lowering taxes; but then they probably don't use the NHS or state funded schools.

John Duxbury,
Colwinston.

The 'pinstripes' of Westminster come under fire

IT'S with yet another deep sigh I read the Letters section in last week's GEM.

The continual running down of the Welsh Assembly never ceases to amaze me. How anyone can seriously believe that the pinstripes of Westminster give two hoots for us here in 'the Principality' as we are condescendingly referred to, beggars belief.

Do you really believe that we would be better served by Boris or Jeremy? I would very much like to hear how they could do better than our Senedd, which at the very least is in the country it represents, unlike Westminster.

The cuts this country has faced has led to massive pressure on

our public services, less money available for infrastructure, and declining inward investment. To cap it all we are faced by absolute pie in the sky figures from the prospective Prime Ministers on big spending projects.

Anybody see any plans for Wales in these fabrications? No, didn't think so.

The sooner more powers are given to our Senedd representing all of Wales the better. I for one look forward to the day the Scots see sense and turn their back on the fabrication that is the United Kingdom.

The London-centric elite have no one else to blame but themselves.

Emma Griffiths,
Llantwit Major.

Wales would be better governed by Westminster than Cardiff

WHILE I am totally opposed to the proposed business park at Rhoose, I feel that the developers, RPS, need have no worries.

If recent history in Barry is anything to go by, should they not get permission locally they can simply appeal to the Welsh Assembly, who will send 'an inspector', and hey presto - local democracy will again

be completely ignored. My observation of the last 20 years of The Welsh Assembly has convinced me that, like so many third world African countries, Wales would have been better off under government from Westminster.

Certainly the enormous cost of the Assembly would have been avoided.

Or is it just the political party in power all this time who are really to blame? John Deavall, Barry.

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Rotarians help with African eye care project



From left, front row: Bailey Sloan, Rotarian Judith Hunt and Sharon Hopkins. Second row: Rotary members Jill Osborne, Ann Harphry, Peter Battle, Julian Delaney and Angela Crompton.

THE Rotary Club of Barry have been collecting used prescription spectacles as part of their commitment to overseas aid.

Rotary helper Bailey Sloan and project leader Judith Hunt, accompanied by members of the Rotary Club of Barry, recently visited Arbutnot Opticians in Barry and presented their collection to Sharon Hopkins, who said that they would be used to support Vale 4 Africa and Vision Aid Overseas.

The used spectacle collection is ongoing and anyone with spectacles that they no longer use can hand them to any Rotarian or take them direct to Arbutnot Opticians, Barry or Penarth.

The Rotary Club of Barry's next fundraising

event will be the Duck Race and Summer Fete on Saturday, July 20 at The Knap Gardens. Final details will be available next week. In the meantime, ducks can be sponsored for £1 each in advance on High Street, Barry at Food for Thought, Dr Bob's Balloons and Giggles Toy Shop as well as Romilly's Cafe at The Knap and Snowdrop Independent Living in Cogan.

Ducks can be sponsored from Rotarians who will be at Morrisons, Barry on July 17. It will also be possible to sponsor a duck on the day.

The winner of the Duck Race will win a £200 cash prize! Further information on Rotary Club of Barry's Facebook page.

Vandalism at church's new 'Scatter Garden' – call to be vigilant

IN December 2018 the Town Mayor, Cllr Janice Charles officially launched the new Scatter Garden at Merthyr Dyfan cemetery.

The garden has been created in response to members of the public asking for a place where they can scatter the ashes of their loved ones and visit in peaceful and tranquil surroundings.

The garden is heart-shaped and around the main garden there are three flowerbeds planted with bulbs which flower throughout the year, to enhance the beauty of this area and to highlight the heart effect itself.

A town council spokesperson said: "It is with great sadness that on inspection of the Scatter Garden on July 3 it was found to have been vandalised: the heart-shaped red stones have been kicked around and the flowers themselves have been beheaded, which has caused a great deal of distress to colleagues who work at the cemetery, visitors and, of course relatives of those resting there.

"We have also been receiving complaints that items are going missing from the cemetery and flowers are being removed from graves – again causing distress to visiting families.

"Since April of this year, through listening to the families and friends who use the cemetery, it was agreed to extend the opening hours to 7pm through the months of April 1 – September 30.

"Staff have been informed of recent events and have been asked to be extra vigilant; I respectfully ask that visitors or members of the public who see any suspicious behaviour not approach individuals themselves, but report it to a member of staff, or call us on 01446 738663.

"Your assistance in this matter is appreciated."



Boris in Barry

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Crowds were a little taken aback by the media attention, with some wondering if the Christmas edition of *Gavin and Stacey* had just begun filming, before spotting Mr Johnson's trademark blond moptop.

He spoke to locals and tourists, including fluently to one family of French holidaymakers in their language.

Many of the crowd, by now numbering some 100 people, took photos and selfies with, as one small girl put it, "... the next Prime Minister", or to have a bottle of No. 10 gin signed.

Mr Johnson said: "It was fantastic to visit Barry – in particular Barry Island, the world famous resort.

"It is a destination championed so successfully by our very own Alun Cairns MP and a real treat to taste some

ice cream from Marco's and to receive such a warm welcome.

"I have spent many happy times in Wales and I am determined to support the key Welsh sectors such as agriculture, tourism and the Welsh language should I become Prime Minister."

Mr Cairns added: "I'm delighted that Boris visited Barry Island and was able to see first-hand the ongoing regeneration that is helping to make our area a real success story.

"The reception that Boris received from members of the public was fantastic and demonstrates the wide support that he has. I have no doubt that he is best placed to deliver Brexit and unite people behind this Government and be a strong supporter of my plans for a stronger Wales as part of the United Kingdom."



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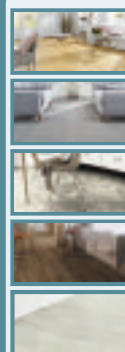
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Dinas Powys Strawberry Tea on Tuesday

THE annual Strawberry Tea organised by Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern is on Wednesday, July 17 at 2pm at the hall and gardens, Britway Road.

A DPVC spokesman said: "Members of Dinas Powys WI are donating and serving a wonderful range of cakes, and tea and coffee will be available, as will delicious strawberries. There will be musical entertainment all afternoon, so come along for a great afternoon out."

Tickets are £5 and available in advance from the parish hall in Dinas Powys or from Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern, Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys or telephone 029 2051 3700.



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It's Sea Sunday in Lavernock

SUNDAY, July 14 is the official Sea Sunday and the little former Church of St Lawrence at Fort Road, Lavernock will celebrate the day with a special service at 3pm.

All who come can enjoy singing hymns about the sea, and will hear Bible readings and poems and a few words from Rev Margaret Stark with a maritime flavour.

Anne Thomas will accompany the hymns on the French harmonium and the building will be decorated with flowers and sea-related items. All will be most welcome.

There is free parking in the car park on the left as one approaches the church. Any enquiries to 02920 701303.

Mrs Butler celebrates her 101st birthday



IT was a red letter day at College Fields residential care home, Barry, when Betty Butler, pictured with her nephew Derek Butler and long time friend Rene Gwilliam, celebrated her 101st birthday in the company of family and friends.

Arrangements had been made by Betty's niece, Carol Erasmus, who sent invitations to guests for the celebration. Mrs Butler had a wonderful, if somewhat tiring, day chatting with all her guests who shared a superb buffet and raised a glass of bubbly to mark the occasion.

Union's campaign to protect Barry Hospital

UNISON Cymru Wales is launching a campaign to stop any downgrading of services at Barry Hospital and says it wants to force a debate in the Senedd.

The union's decision is in response to Cardiff and Vale University Health Board's recent announcement that it was talking to staff about "improving the pathway for frail older people" which aims to maintain individuals' independence and get them home quicker.

As part of the process it is reviewing bed capacities, leading hospital staff to fear there could be ward closures.

There has even been speculation that the hospital might become a mental health unit or 'wellness hub' with services being relocated to Cardiff.

Andrew Woodman, regional organiser at Unison Cymru Wales who is in touch with union members in the hospital, said there was understandable local concern and a campaign was under way.

He said: "Cardiff and Vale Health Board has completely failed to

properly engage with staff and the local community about their plans. This is unacceptable for such a key public service and has caused a great deal of anger and worry.

"Healthcare workers in Unison will mount a vigorous local community campaign to prevent the downgrading of hospital services.

"As a first step, Unison will force a formal consultation which will increase the consultation period from eight weeks to 20 weeks. We will launch a petition with the aim of getting this issue debated in the Senedd. We'll be on the town's high streets speaking to the public and we will lobby local politicians to join our fight.

"Barry might be a small community hospital but there are lots of services based there. The whole point of our National Health Service is that it is available to all and free at the point of use. The town has some very deprived areas and many people will not be able to afford to travel to health services based at Llandough or the Heath hospital. There is a clear need for respite and in-patient beds within a short distance of relatives.

"Many Barry Hospital

healthcare workers live locally and don't drive so redeployment will be difficult. The board has not promised that job losses will be avoided. Staff still haven't received a written proposal from the health board.

"Unison calls on the people of Barry to join the defence of their hospital."

Health board staff will meet with the Community Health Council on Thursday, July 18 to agree the timescale for consultation.

The GEM contacted the board outlining Unison's concerns and pointed out that there was local speculation wards could close and current services could be moved to Cardiff and a 'wellness hub' introduced.

A board spokeswoman said: "We understand concerns are being raised. We are in the process of talking to staff, patients and key stakeholders and following the engagement process set out by Welsh Government.

"We would like to reassure staff, patients and their families that we will be engaging with the wider community following discussions with the Community Health Council on the engagement process."

Barbecues banned on Vale beaches

A RESIDENT contacted The GEM to complain that no action was being taken against people at Whitmore Bay beach who are using barbecues and lighting fires.

Some years ago, a girl from Barry sustained serious burns when she stepped on sand concealing hot barbecue coals, requiring treatment at Morriston Hospital.

A Vale Council spokesman said: "For safety reasons, barbecues and the lighting of fires are not permitted on any Vale Council maintained beaches.

"This information features on the main sign at Whitmore Bay and reminders of the restriction are regularly made over the public address system by the resort manager."

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Cockles on the Gower and 'intense heat' in Talybont for Penarth Ramblers

TERRY from Penarth and District Ramblers used the train and bus for their journey to Llanrhidian on the north coast of Gower, where the village church is dedicated to the 6th century St Rhidian.

Descending to join the Wales Coast Path along Llanrhidian Marsh beside the Lougher Estuary, this National Trust land is grazed salt-marsh and frequented by wading birds, but very boggy during low tide.

Passing a concrete roadway stretching out into the estuary they learned this was an army WW2 look-out tower.

Following lunch they moved on through Crofty, then Penclawdd with its colourful wildflower verges, which is renowned for its cockle harvesting.

This back breaking and dangerous occupation, once carried out solely by women, is now harvested by the men folk using modern techniques instead of donkeys to transport the cockles to the factories for sorting.

Continuing through woodland and over fields to Gowerton, a single track road and a river bridge over the Loughor brought them to Bynea and the end of their journey in plenty of time to catch public transport back home.

Robin on his first walk as leader without his faithful companion Pepper and his 14 companions had to suffer intense heat on their mountain walk, beginning at Talybont-on-Usk. Making their way across the Brecon Canal, which passes through the village, and following the Taff Trail to Talybont reservoir, they paused at the huge dam for their morning break.

With the heat rising they began their climb, stopping several times during the journey to rest and take on liquid under the boiling hot sun.

A stiff climb gradually brought them to the edge of the Waun Rydd escarpment and the bee-hive shape of Carn Pica, an ancient cairn.

Glad to take a breather, this was their lunch break with delicious home-baked lemon cake from John R and glorious views across the Caerfanell valley to Tor y Foel, with the Black Mountains beyond.

Refreshed, they crossed Waun Rydd to join Gist Wen above the glacial valleys of Cwm Oergwm and Cwareli and a stunning view of the shapes of the central Brecon Beacons.

Another climb led them up over Pen y Bryn before the gradual descent to the village of Pencelli, where they joined the towpath of the canal for the flat trek back in humid conditions and at Talybont where a road race was taking place, the group in their wisdom retired to the pub.

On July 13, a train journey (details from leader or website) from New Inn to Abergavenny for the 12-mile hard walk back; contact Rachel on 01446 410545.

On July 14 meet 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an 8.5-mile moderate walk taking in Clytha, Bettws Newydd Church and the River Usk; contact Robin on 029 2051 4051.

On July 17, the mid-week walk will leave Cogan at 8am for a 15-mile hard walk in the Black Mountains from Talgarth to Rhos Dirion; contact William on 07528701 952.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the leader for advice.

For up to date information log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or follow on Facebook.

Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

Joy Strangward

Gardeners' questions answered at Open Gardens Trail

GARDENERS from around Penarth, Lavernock and Swanbridge will be opening their gardens to the public for the Annual Penarth Open Gardens Trail in aid of The Children's Society on July 27-28.

The trail will highlight the diversity of the various gardens available to view and spotlight the talent and expertise of the local gardeners. Their wealth of knowledge will be available for visitors' questions on their gardening problems, such as how to reduce

the slug/snail population in gardens.

Members of the public are encouraged to seek out the plants they would like in their garden and see if they are suitable for their garden conditions.

One of the organisers, Jon Davis, said that this is the 23rd year the garden trail has been running and raises much needed money for the charity.

This year, there are 16 gardens available to view over the weekend with some old favourites and some new gardens.

Views given on use of S106 payments

RHOOSE councillors Andrew RT Davies and Gordon Kemp held a drop-in event for local residents on July 5, to allow them to have their say on how s106 money earmarked for the village is spent.

S106 contributions are legal agreements between developers and the local authority, and over £350,000 has been allocated to the community. This must be spent

on projects within the village, and both councillors want to ensure residents have a say.

Charlotte Pugh, the Vale Council's s106 officer, was also present and the ideas raised will now be taken back for consideration. Cllr Davies said: "Rhoose residents have had to put up with a significant amount of development in recent years, and it is absolutely right the community gets something back in the form of s106 contributions.

"There is some

£350,000 in the pot, and it is vital this money is spent wisely. All too often across the Vale I've seen such funds wasted on projects the community did not want and were not consulted on.

"That's why we held this event.

"It was good to see so many people come along and I'm delighted with some of the ideas they raised."

Scouts' attempt at world record

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THIS year's event opened with the traditional march past of the Rainbows, Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, Guides, Scouts, Rangers and Explorers and was led by the Newport Scout and Guide band, which is the only Scout and Guide marching band in Wales.

The chairwoman of the fete management committee, Cathie Steele gave a brief introduction before Gill Clay, granddaughter of the founder of Scouting, Baden Powell formally opened the fete.

Scout leader Gareth Johns said he had been involved with the fete since joining the movement at the age of eight and wanted to do

something different this year.

Having heard about the current world record being set last year he made a proposal to break the record at the fete and completed the application process.

The fete committee would like to thank all those involved in the fete and a special thanks to Anthony Barber of Antea photography for supplying aerial photography of the record attempt.

Both Scouts and Girl Guides have waiting lists for young people wanting to join the different sections, but more adult volunteers are needed.

If you can help in any way please contact tiramor@cardiffandvale-scouts.org.uk.

Victoria Hislop headlined litfest



Author Victoria Hislop attended an event in Penarth Pier Pavilion at the literary festival.

PENARTH Literature Festival had another successful year, with a variety of author talks and events held to suit all reading tastes.

The festival was headlined by author Victoria Hislop who was promoting her new book, *Those Who Are Loved*, at a lunch event in Penarth Pier Pavilion.

Other events included

the retired child psychiatrist Mike Shooter discussing his book *Growing Pains* with local doctor Ceri Evans, as well as the launch of local author Laura Kemp's latest novel, *Bring Me Sunshine*. A creative writing workshop was held at Willmore's 1938 on Sunday morning, and the festival ended on a high with another sold out Poetry Showcase at Waterloo Tea on Sunday evening.

Kate, events manager from Griffin Books who organised the festival said: "We're thrilled with how the weekend played out and want to say thank you to all of our loyal customers for making it all possible; to our venues for their excellent service, and to the wonderful authors and interviewers who took part."

Charity to begin tea groups for the elderly in Barry

THE charity Contact the Elderly is opening a new tea group in Barry.

The group, run by volunteers is helping to tackle loneliness and isolation by taking elderly guests out to tea once a month.

The local group will hold their first tea on July 21 in Barry and are looking for isolated, elderly people over the age of 75 to join them for a cosy afternoon of tea, cake and a chat.

Kate Housley, the support officer for Wales, said: "We're really excited to be opening a new group in Barry. It's a chance for older people to get out and about, meet up and make new friends."

"We have a lovely group of volunteer hosts and drivers who are really keen to get started. Guests don't need to worry about transport, they will be collected by

a volunteer driver and taken home afterwards."

The charity organises monthly tea parties for small groups of older people, aged 75 and over. Across Wales, they support over 700 people in 83 groups which are run by local volunteers. Drivers collect guests from their homes and accompany them to tea parties, while volunteers host the tea parties in their homes.

If you are interested in attending a tea or would like to volunteer as a driver or host, contact Kate Housley on 029 2002 6211 or email: kate.housley@contact-the-elderly.org.uk.

More information about Contact the Elderly can be found at www.contact-the-elderly.org.uk.

Are the Waitrose trees for the chop?



Should they stay or should they go? The trees that are under threat.

A BARRY environmental group is battling to save 15 trees in the former Waitrose car park – but The GEM has been told the roots have done so much damage it will cost £100,000 to put things right.

Barry Action for Nature (BAN) wants people to oppose plans to have the alders felled. Developers are preparing the site for Iceland and Home Bargains to move in. The chairman of BAN, Rob Curtis, said: "Numerous climate change and nature extinction reports have been warning us that we as a society must change our ways and become more ecologically responsible."

"BAN is calling on local people to oppose these plans. These beautiful mature trees cannot and must not be replaced by a couple of year-old saplings."

"Trees protect us from car pollution, traffic noise and climate change. I urge Iceland to work with the trees instead of just cutting them down."

A spokesman for Iceland explained

that if the trees were removed there would be double the replacements, but in a more suitable spot.

He said: "Iceland Foods is not the developer of this site. Our landlord's agents have applied to the local authority for permission to remove the trees within the car park because they are inappropriate for this location: they obscure the stores and their roots have done serious damage to the car park which will cost over £100,000 to resurface. This problem will recur if the trees remain in place."

"In making this application, the agents have taken advice from a professional arboriculturist who has confirmed that the trees are not suited to their current location; he has accordingly prepared a landscaping and planting plan for replacement trees on a more appropriate part of the site. The landlord will plant two new trees to replace every tree removed."

If local people want to send their views to the Vale planning department, the application number is: 2019/00520/TPO.

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Police issue reminder over parking on dropped kerbs

POLICE in Penarth are reminding drivers not to block dropped kerbs with cars after a blind man was unable to cross a road safely with his guide dog.

PC Robin Mellor said: "Parking your car across a dropped kerb is classed as an obstruction and officers will issue fixed penalty notices to

motorists who leave their vehicles in a position which causes danger or inconvenience to other road users.

"Guide dogs are trained to stop at kerbs, so I would urge drivers to please be mindful of this and not to block dropped kerbs." He said the neighbourhood policing team was working with the Vale Council to monitor the situation.

A PROGRAMME of highway maintenance totalling just over £2.5m has been agreed by Vale Council.

The three-year resurfacing plan was approved by the council's Cabinet at its meeting on July 1 and sets out a priority list of roads in need of improvement throughout the local highway network. In total, 114 roads are due to be resurfaced and 66 are due to receive preventative 'micro-asphalt' or surface treatments.

All the roads included in the plan have been assessed using a scoring system that ensure the roads in most need of attention, including some of the busiest roads used by Vale residents, will receive attention first.

Residents can report potholes and other problems on local roads at any time using the council's website.

Batty in Barry



VOLUNTEERS from Barry Action for Nature recently erected 12 bat roost boxes in Bats Field Park off Glebe Street in Barry. They also carried out a litter pick.

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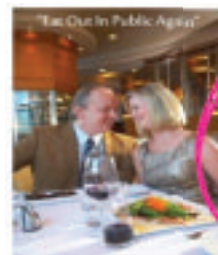
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Man jailed after 70mph chase through Barry streets

A FATHER of three who, under the influence of drugs, drove at 70mph in 30mph residential streets in Barry has been jailed for eight months at Cardiff Crown Court and banned from driving for two years eight months, writes AJ Sicluna.

Judge Nicolas Parry told 25-year-old unemployed Jordan Ross of Shelley Crescent, Barry: "There comes a time when everyone runs out of chances and that time has come for you."

Ross admitted charges of dangerous driving, driving under the influence of drugs, driving without insurance, driving without a licence, failing to stop for the police and aggravated vehicle-taking.

Prosecutor Gareth James said that without permission Ross took his mother's Citroen vehicle. Just after midnight on March 1 the police followed the vehicle and there was a chase along residential streets in Barry, sometimes at speeds of more than 70mph.

Ross went the wrong way round a roundabout

and went to the right of 'keep left' bollards.

When he eventually stopped, he indicated he had taken cannabis. He had 8.4mg of the drug in his system, the legal limit is 2mg.

When interviewed he said: "No comment."

His barrister Hash Salman said: "He is relatively young and this will be his first custodial sentence. Nobody was injured because of his dangerous driving."

"He is extremely timid, extremely soft spoken, has depression and anxiety, sleep deprivation and has been referred to a psychiatric nurse."

Mr Salman said he had been using cannabis since the age of 14.

The Judge said such a chase created obvious dangers. "There could have been very serious consequences. Miraculously, no one was injured. It was good fortune."

He was jailed for a further eight months to run consecutively to the first sentence for the breach of a suspended sentence for burglary and supplying cannabis.

Barry U3A AGM 'was a success'

THE U3A held its AGM in June where members enjoyed some lovely strawberries and cream.

There are several offshoot clubs in Barry U3A, but the most prominent in 2019 was the poetry and prose group who are just completing their 10th year and still going strong.

Every meeting has a specific subject to research and we were told that members only leave when they become too frail, or die, because the group has so much fun.

All members of U3A who are

interested are welcome.

Dean Powell gave a very interesting talk at the July meeting covering a detailed history on the life of Dr William Price.

The next meeting will be on Monday, September 2 at 2pm in Bethel Baptist Church Hall at Harbour Road on the roundabout in Park Crescent;

there is no meeting in August. Call Christine on 01446 701537 for further information.

Are you interested in the Catholic Church?



Information sessions at St. Helen's Parish in Barry

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'Delivering Brexit, delivering results'



Welsh Secretary **ALUN CAIRNS** reports to GEM readers

AT the weekend I welcomed my friend and colleague Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP to Barry Island, who readers will be aware I am supporting in the forthcoming election by Conservative Party members of a new Prime Minister.

With the offer of ice cream on a sunny day at one of our beautiful seaside destinations, who could turn down a visit to

the Island? After hearing so much about Barry and the exciting things happening locally as we continue to regenerate the town, Boris was keen to visit the Island to see our success for himself and to champion our great community. Ensuring that places like Barry prosper economically and remain a thriving community is what matters in a strong United Kingdom. Delivering for every corner of the country is vital for the next Government and I am pleased that Boris shares my ambition and passion for communities like Barry. He outlined his commitment by pledging that Wales will continue to receive money through a new funding model, once we have left the EU.

In Westminster, I recognise that we have a responsibility to deliver Brexit and I believe that Boris is absolutely best placed to do this. By fulfilling our promise on Brexit, Boris can unite our country, drive excitement back into politics, protect our union and allow us to move onto other important matters affecting our country.

In other news, it was

great to see Barry Town United back playing European football. This was a major success for all involved with the club. I would like to pay tribute to people like David Cole and Gavin Chesterfield who have been there through thick and thin, guiding the club back after we were thrown out of the league eight years ago. Although the European journey has now ended, I'm looking forward to Barry competing again very soon.

Last month I again had the pleasure of presenting the end of season awards to Cowbridge Town AFC. I would like to note what an excellent job those who run the club have done, from the junior teams right through to the seniors. Cowbridge Town are a great example of a community team and we can see that from their growing number of players, which is now at almost 400.

Congratulations to all who picked up awards and to the seniors who won team of the year after a brilliant season. I'm also very pleased to learn of the club's progress on setting up an all-girls team. I hope

that young girls in the Vale have been inspired by the entertaining World Cup this summer and will get involved with playing locally.

Also in Cowbridge, it was great to attend the second anniversary event held by Dementia Friendly Cowbridge. They are a brilliant and dedicated group who have done an excellent job over the years.

The huge success that they have had in spreading awareness to residents and businesses in Cowbridge has inspired me to do all that I can to get other communities across the Vale engaged and involved. It's a cause that I'm really passionate about and, in addition to raising money for Dementia Revolution at this year's London Marathon, I've recently completed the Dementia Champion training. This means that I can now run briefing sessions, which I've always found to be incredibly informative and moving. I'm pleased to have already run a briefing session in Llantwit Major and I look forward to holding further sessions in the future.

Council will fund Dinas traffic survey

THE Vale Council will provide funding of more than £50,000 to complete a study into potential transport improvements in Dinas Powys.

After the Welsh Government opted not to commit any more money to the work, this investment will ensure the Welsh Transport Appraisal Guidance (WelTAG) Stage 2 study is concluded.

Contractors Arcadis Consulting Ltd have been selected to carry out the work and it is anticipated the public will be consulted on its outcomes early next year.

These could include improvements to active travel and public transport as well as the possibility of a bypass for the village.

Cllr Peter King, Vale Council cabinet member for neighbourhood services and transport, said: "It is important that this latest stage of work to explore potential travel improvements for Dinas Powys is completed so we can accurately plot the best way forward.

The conclusions will be thoroughly considered, along with opinions of all interested parties, before any decisions are taken."

The work will involve: • Engaging with Network Rail to investigate constructing a bypass and junction in the vicinity of the existing railway tunnel.

• Undertaking concept design, modelling and costing of improvements to the Merrie Harrier junction. These will be considered in the context of costs associated with the pink and green route options.

• Commissioning Transport for Wales to carry out strategic modelling using the South East Wales Transport Model of the bypass proposals.

• Updating the economic appraisal for the green/pink route alignment and updating the transport case along with the Stage 2 report.

• Undertaking public consultation on the findings of the Stage 2 report, finalising it and making recommendations to be taken forward to the WelTAG Stage 3 Full Business Case.

Barry man found with 'vicious weapon' in town

WHEN police searched a man after an incident in the centre of Barry, they found in his pocket a "vicious weapon" – an eight-inch knuckle duster which incorporated a knife, it was stated at Cardiff Crown Court, writes AJ Sicluna.

Tommy-Lee Carson told the officers he had taken the weapon from someone else to prevent it possibly being used. Carson (22) unemployed of Thompson Street, Barry, admitted possessing an offensive weapon and was jailed for eight months, suspended for two years.

He was ordered to observe for six months an electronically-tagged curfew from 8pm until 8am, to carry out 200 hours unpaid work and pay £340 costs.

Judge David Wynn Morgan said: "The circumstances were such that there was risk of serious disorder. You took the weapon from someone else to avoid further trouble."

Prosecutor Jeffrey Jones said trouble broke out at 2am in Broad Street, Barry on June 1. Carson became irate and began abusing the police.

"He was very drunk and aggressive and was carried to the police van, kicking out and banging his head in the vehicle." When he was later searched the police found the weapon.

Probation officer Natasha Patmore said she interviewed the defendant who indicated he had drunk large amounts of rum and lager. She said he was of a low level of maturity, and suffered anxiety and stress. He also misused drugs.

"Custody would be detrimental to his mental health," she said. His solicitor Jonathan Lewis said: "Sadly, he made it his business to become involved and poked his nose in when it was not necessary. He was trying to be sensible, taking the weapon from a friend." His intention had been to dispose of the weapon, he added. The Judge told him: "Stop the huge amount you are drinking and stop taking cannabis."

Open evening for Air Cadets



Kacey Shires receives her Cadet Corporal stripes from Deputy Mayor Leighton Rowlands

RECENTLY, Air Cadets from 372 (Barry) Squadron paraded before guests and parents at the open evening at the Squadron Headquarters Ty Byron Jenkins.

The open evening allowed the visitors to see of activities and skills which the Royal Air Force Air Cadets are taught. The evening started with the squadron band performing, and afterwards guests were given demonstrations of the activities which the cadets undertake including: first aid, Duke of Edinburgh Award, flight simulator, aero-modelling and first aid activities.

The evening finished with nine cadets carrying out precision drilling to music with no drill orders given, showing the standards to which the cadets work.

Leighton Rowlands, Deputy Mayor of Barry Town Council said: "Again 372 Squadron have put on a magnificent display of military skills. The cadets of 372 Squadron can be rightly proud of themselves. I wish the squadron well and I look forward to next year's open evening."

Gardeners' Trail will open later this month

GARDENERS on their gardening problems, such as how to reduce the slug/snail population in gardens. Members of the public are encouraged to seek out the plants they would like in their garden and see if they are suitable for their garden conditions. One of the organisers, Jon Dewis, said that this is the 23rd year the garden trail has been running and raises much needed money for the charity. This year, there are 16 gardens available to view over the weekend with some old favourites and some new gardens.

from around Penarth, Lavernock and Swanbridge will be opening their gardens to the public for the Annual Penarth Open Gardens Trail in aid of The Children's Society on July 27-28.

The trail will highlight the diversity of the various gardens available to view and spotlight the talent and expertise of the local gardeners. Their wealth of knowledge will be available for visitors' questions

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Have bike, will travel for cancer charities



The trio cycled 874 miles for a "wheely" good cause.

A BARRY man cycled from Land's End to John O'Groats in memory of his father-in-law who died from pancreatic cancer.

Richard James (35) was part of a three strong team, and accompanied by fellow Cardiff Admiral employees John Fensome (30) and Paul Connah (49). The men were raising funds for Pancreatic Cancer UK and Breast Cancer UK.

Eleanor James, Richard's wife, said: "My dad Peter Moyle was visiting us in Barry in June 2015. He was looking very jaundiced and went into Barry Hospital and was referred on to the Heath. It took a few weeks for him to be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He went downhill for a year. "I did the Bath half marathon for

pancreatic research and Richard decided to do Land's End to John O'Groats to raise funds. "They started the ride from Land's End on June 29 and arrived at John O'Groats last Sunday. They travelled quite light and stopped overnight in safe wooded locations and camping sites. Richard is a bit of a boy Scout and was happy to use his sleeping bag and tarpaulin overnight, while John and Paul had sleeping bags and tents."

Richard is a member of Wenvoe Wheelers and also enjoys mountain biking, so the journey held few fears for him. The ride took nine days and they covered an average of 100 miles a day.

Tim Chapman

Milk Mates moves on to pastures new

AFTER nearly 20 years of supporting breastfeeding mums in Barry and the Vale, Barry Milk Mates, the Vale's longest running peer support group have closed the doors on their meetings at St David's church hall.

The group is no longer attended by the community health visitors, and so there has been a decrease in attending mothers and babies. Determined to move with the times and keep supporting mums in a less formal environment, we as peer supporters will continue to meet from 1pm-3pm every Thursday during the school term and periodically during the school holidays at various coffee shops around Barry. Starting this Thursday,

July 11 and on July 18 we will meet at 1pm in the cafe at Morrison's, Barry. We welcome all breastfeeding mums new and old to join us with their babies and other siblings for a coffee, natter, friendship and often much needed support. We will also still be available to contact 24/7 for advice and re-assurance via our Barry Milk Mates Facebook page.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Roy and the committee at St David's Church, as well as our health visitors, training facilitators, mothers and babies and all the local businesses – especially St Aubin nursery – who have supported us with funding and hall fees over the years.

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Cadets stand to for mental health



BARRY Army Cadets recently raised £270 for Mind in the Vale.

Project manager Barney Sanders collected

the cheque and said: "Mind in the Vale helped almost 3,000 people last year and we want to say a huge thank you to the Army Cadets for choosing us as their charity".

Art show

THROUGHOUT July, an exhibition of over 20 local artists' work will be held at Art Central, the Vale Council's art gallery.

Titled 'Art in the

Vale', the exhibition features work in a variety of media and many pieces showcase areas of the Vale. The exhibition is open until Saturday August 3 at Art Central Gallery, King Square, Barry.

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Running fever hits Porthcawl as the Run4Wales 10k series makes a stunning debut at the seaside

THE Healthspan Porthcawl 10K made a spectacular debut as more than 3,000 runners enjoyed picture perfect conditions at the seaside hotspot.

The organisers, who impressed Porthcawl residents with the smoothness of the event, will now move on to get ready for the next race in the 10K series, at Barry Island.

Porthcawl came alive on Sunday morning as runners flooded the esplanade to take on the third instalment of the Healthspan Wales 10K Series. Welsh sprint legend Iwan Thomas warmed up the runners from the balcony of the Grand Pavilion before firing the starting gun and joining the 3,375 starters.

The sun shone on the runners as they raced

along the promenade before taking in views across Newton Bay, Trecco Bay and Sandy Bay through kilometres two and three.

Welsh cross-country champion James Hunt motored to a lifetime best across the fast course, but still found himself being overtaken by Swansea marathon expert Josh Griffiths in the final kilometre.

Griffiths, the Team

Wales Commonwealth Games and Team GB World Championships marathoner, found himself trailing at the half-way mark but had the strength to hit back and claim the title in 29:54.

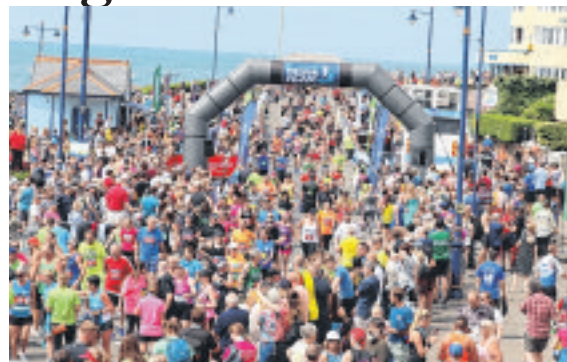
Fellow marathon star Natasha Cockram held off the challenge of Bristol and West AC's Jenny Spink to take the women's race in 34:51.

Then came another 501 runners before

Thomas crossed the line in 48:58. For each and every runner who finished ahead of the former world champion, title partner Healthspan will donate £10 to lead charity partner Tŷ Hafan for a grand total of £5,010. They will also send a bespoke t-shirt to each of Iwan's conquerors to commemorate their achievement.

The town came out in force to support the new event. Supporters lined the street to boost the runners while elected representatives of Bridgend County Borough and Porthcawl, including both mayors were in attendance to give their backing. There was even a surprise fly-past by the Red Arrows to mark the beginning of a new chapter of distance running in the town.

Run 4 Wales chief executive Matt Newman said: "We've been blown away by the support



we've received from participants, major stakeholders and every single local resident along the route. Run 4 Wales is passionate about bringing world class running events to new locations and Porthcawl has welcomed us with open arms.

"The Healthspan Porthcawl 10K has proved to be everything

we expected and more. We had the perfect location, stunning weather and passionate support that made for fast times and an unforgettable day.

"I would like to thank title partner Healthspan, Bridgend County Borough Council, Porthcawl Town Council, lead charity partner Tŷ Hafan and each and every runner

and supporter who contributed to an amazing day.

"The Awen Cultural Trust played a key role at the heart of the event at the Grand Pavilion and the KPC Trust raised vital funds for youth in the local community."

Healthspan Ambassador and Welsh sprint legend Iwan Thomas said: "I'm

ashamed to say 48:58 is my slowest ever 10K run, but it just means more money will go to fund vital projects at Tŷ Hafan.

"I would like to say I took it easy, but I'm just not in great shape at the moment. That being said, it was a fantastic day and a great event and the support I received on the way round was unbelievable. I'll be back to post a better time next year."

The event will be back next year for a second instalment after the Healthspan Wales 10K Series concludes at the ABP Barry Island 10K. A further 400 budding runners took part in the family fun run along the seafront after the toddler dash gave the youngest runners a chance to take their first steps at a mass-participation event.

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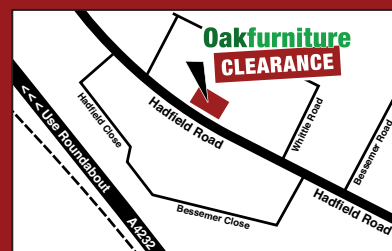
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Two winners in local search for a star



Joint winners Motion Control Dance will take to the stage later this month with JAY-TEE.
Image by Martin Gibson.

LAST month, the final of Search for a Star was hosted by Mack Events at St Cyres School's auditorium.

Over the last few months, children from all over the Vale entered the competition via a video link and eight finalists were selected by Bro Radio and the judging panel.

The finalists were RAY-TEE, The Greatest Show, The Bat Gang, Annie Adoh, Amelia Blackmore, Cerys Cross, Talia and Motion Control Dance.

A spokesman for Mack Events said: "The standard of the finalists was very high.

The main sponsor, Faye Ruckley of Ruckleys on Holton Road was a superb judge with some great advice and was helped by Gareth Knight of Bro Radio and Mack Events director Ross Mackintosh.

"It was a really hard decision and all of the acts were absolutely brilliant, but in the end we couldn't

split RAY-TEE and Motion Control Dance.

"We decided to give them both a slot on the main stage of GlastonBARRY Juniors later this month."

Valeways celebrate National Meadows Day at Cosmeston

NATIONAL Meadows Day is an annual celebration of wildflower meadows across the UK.

The event takes place on or around the first Saturday of July to raise awareness of the importance of meadow conservation of a fast disappearing habitat.

The Living with Cancer July stroll coincided with this special day and the strollers felt fortunate to be walking under bright blue, cloudless skies among a huge range of wildflowers, insects and grasses. Cosmeston has an abundance of wildflowers and Tess and Helen did a great job naming

a selection, including knapweed, orchids, oxeye daisies and cow parsley.

We are lucky to have Cosmeston on our doorstep with its myriad of paths. You're welcome to join us: the first Thursday of every month at 10:30am.

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'Pay as you play' tennis in Cowbridge

COWBRIDGE Tennis Club is encouraging its local communities in the Vale of Glamorgan and beyond, to be part of the tennis fever that Wimbledon and its champions inspire each year.

The club believes that tennis is for everyone and you don't have to be a member to be able to play on its four courts.

In fact, it is one of the only clubs in the area that offers pay to play facilities – the public can book a slot on the club's website and go from there.

On Saturday, July 20, the club is hosting its summer open day, where the local community are invited to get involved with the tennis sessions, which are for all ages and abilities, use the courts and meet the club's coaches. The event runs from 12pm to 5pm.

Richard Owen, chair of Cowbridge Tennis Club said: "As a club, we want to encourage everyone to play tennis and, in a few hours, everyone is capable of being able to rally a ball.

"Our pay to play facility gives the local community the chance to use well-maintained facilities to just enjoy the sport.

"We are looking forward to hosting everyone on July 20 at our summer event and hope that we can show that as a club, we offer something for everyone."

To find out more about pay to play and the summer open day, visit www.cowbridgetennis.co.uk

Promotions at Cowbridge TC

THE conclusion of this week's South Wales tennis leagues saw triple promotion confirmed for Cowbridge Tennis Club's Men's 1sts, Ladies' 1sts and Men's 3rds teams.

Even better is the ladies' 1sts and men's 3rds remaining unbeaten, winning 9 out of 9 to date with one round to go.

The men's 1sts wrapped up promotion to Prem 2 with a convincing 6-nil win over Dinas Powys. The firsts now have a league decider on Friday, July 19, against close rivals Penarth. This should be a cracking match, and spectators are welcome.

The ladies' 1sts played their best tennis of the season to reach Division 1 with two excellent 5-1 victories against two very strong teams from Rhibwina and Alt yr Yn. They have gone from strength to strength through each match with the clear benefit of only having used 7 players all season. Their remaining match against close friends Creigau will be a fitting way to finish the season.

Perhaps the competitiveness of Wimbledon had some influence as the men's 3rds had their toughest match of the season. A few edgy moments were had but the team's resolve shone through to let them take a winning 3-3 draw against Cardiff Castle 6ths. As ever, the competition was left on the court as both teams relaxed after the game.

The clubs' hopes for an unprecedented promotion for all six teams unfortunately took a tumble as the men's 2nds lost at home to Rhibwina. They were in a leading position in the 1st round of matches until a popped calf for one of the first pair players meant an early retirement and the concession of 2 rubbers. This left the team with too big a hill to climb and allowed Rhibwina to take a deserved 5-1 win.

The ladies 2nds and 3rds are still in with a chance of promotion with respective wins against Cwmbran (6-0) and Radyr (5-1). The club has a thriving membership and there are opportunities for all to play at an open day on Saturday, July 20.

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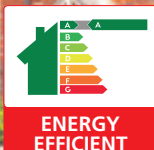
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Cliff Walk artists' exhibition is now open for Penarth summer festival



Artists' work will be on show on Penarth Cliff Walk.

THE Town Mayor, Cllr Angela Thomas began the Penarth Summer Festival season by officially opening the Cliff Walk open air art exhibition.

The much-loved exhibition allows visitors to come across different forms of art outdoors on the coastline. The Mayor expressed thanks to those artists

returning, along with a special welcome for new artists. Particular thanks are due to the co-ordinator, Jilly Hicks. The show has been running annually for a number of years, something that many Penarthians look forward to and which delights visitors to the seafront. Most works on display are for sale and artists are always present to discuss work with

visitors. Thanks are also due to the Vale Council. The exhibition runs along Cliff Walk from 12pm until 7pm daily, until July 14. For more information on the Penarth Summer Festival, events and the Penarth Mayor's activities, visit the Mayor's Facebook Page or the town council website at www.penarth-towncouncil.gov.uk.

Rob becomes an ambassador for the RAF Benevolent Fund

A CORPORAL who was paralysed following a parachute accident in America has been named as one of the RAF Benevolent Fund's ambassadors.

Thanks to the charity, Rob Bugden (34) is due to move into his specially adapted house in Sisingstone in the Vale soon. Corporal Bugden is now a tetraplegic with complex needs and keen to speak about the excellent support given by the fund.

A proud Cornishman, he moved to south Wales at the age of 18, attending Cardiff Metropolitan University. He loved the area so much he decided to stay; joined the RAF in 2008 and was posted to St Athan in 2012. Three years later he qualified as a parachute jump instructor and bought a flat in Rhiwbina, Cardiff. He said: "I left for a three-week exercise in California on January 2, 2016 not realising I would never sleep in my flat again. The accident took place during my very last jump. I'd



Corporal Bugden (far left) with his RAF colleagues in America two days before the accident that changed his life.

been looking forward to a few beers and the trip back to Blighty. "Six of us jumped off the ramp of the aircraft at 12,000 feet. We first did a skydive and then turned 180 degrees. At 5,500 feet I looked down and pulled open the canopy which fully inflated – and that's the last thing I remember until I woke up in the hospital in Phoenix a couple of days later. I think it was a couple of days, my memory is still quite hazy."

Corporal Bugden and his colleague Brook Stebbins had collided in mid-air. "His knee hit my head and broke my neck, and after the collision my parachute wrapped around him. "We didn't have much above us and had 1,000 feet to fall. Fortunately, we landed in sand rather than on the runway. I don't know what would have happened if we'd hit the runway. "Brook had remained conscious and did his best to land, but suffered injuries including a torn kidney, broken leg and broken ribs. He has

fully recovered now." But for Corporal Bugden the accident has been life-changing with on-going physiotherapy and care. He is philosophical about what happened, but admits there have been dark times. "I have had bad days and will continue to have them. I wish I was back at work with the lads. I have been dealt a difficult hand and have to make the most of it."

During his rehabilitation he has met the inspirational Matt Hampson who was paralysed during a rugby training session in 2005 and who started up a foundation to help provide support and treatment for people who have suffered a serious injury or disability. "I met him at the spinal unit at Stoke Mandeville Hospital and at his 'get busy living centre'."

The RAF Benevolent Fund has purchased a house in Sisingstone for Corporal Bugden, ensuring it will cater for all his needs. The good news is that it is a two-minute push to his local, the Victoria Inn. He is currently

undergoing rehabilitation at Stanford Hall, near Loughborough, and hopes to move into his new home next month. He is looking forward to welcoming his parents Derek and Debbie and brother Adam, who live in Cornwall, once he has settled in.

In its centenary year, the RAF Benevolent Fund has launched the 'Join the Search... Change a Life' campaign, encouraging the public to get thousands of RAF veterans and their families 'back on the radar' so they can access support if needed. Corporal Bugden explained: "Some military personnel are not good at asking for help, but the help is there. "Without the fund, life would have been a lot more difficult for me. It doesn't matter whether you served 30 years or three minutes, you are eligible for help. Don't be afraid to ask for help."

The fund has helped 20 people in Wales in the last year. The campaign includes a television and

radio advert voiced by Sir David Jason who is a long-standing supporter of the RAF. Corporal Bugden is now looking forward to his role as an ambassador for the charity. He has already given a number of talks including one at the Churchill War Rooms. Despite the terrible accident, he remains as proud as ever of his family's association with the Armed Forces. "My brother Adam served in the Army in Northern Ireland, Iraq and Afghanistan. My father served in the Royal Navy for 22 years and was mentioned in dispatches following the attack on HMS Argonaut during the Falklands War. Three of my grandparents also served during the Second World War. "We are quite a patriotic family – proud to be British, Cornish and proud to be associated with the services."

To refer someone to the RAF Benevolent Fund, go to www.rafbf.org or call 0300 102 1919.

Gem Reporter

Rob outside his new home in Sisingstone.



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Park and ride could remedy 'lack of active travel' facilities in Vale

PLANS for a park and ride and a new transport interchange are set to be taken forward as part of options to improve links between Penarth and Cardiff Barrage.

The Vale Council is considering a range of options to improve transport links in the town and its ruling body is set to approve three potential schemes for further consideration.

They include building a bus park and ride in the Cosmeston area with sustainable transport links across Cardiff Barrage, upgrading Cogan railway station which could also include a park and ride facility, and new active travel infrastructure across Penarth including a headland link.

A previously considered option of opening Cardiff Barrage to private vehicles during peak times is set to be dropped due to the potential public opposition and deliverability of the idea.

The council's cabinet will decide which transport options, assessed by Capita, to take forward on July 15.

If cabinet approves, and after consideration by a council scrutiny committee, these options would be assessed in greater detail before it is decided which scheme, if any, the council will put forward to a full business case.

Which options are set to be considered further?

Option one: Active travel proposals for Penarth

The active travel proposals include a shared pedestrian and cycle headland link between Penarth Pier and Cardiff Bay, and a cycle route between the Merrie Harrier pub, Pont y Werin and Penarth Road. Also included in this option are measures to improve the active travel infrastructure already in Penarth and attracting the Nextbike cycle hire scheme to the town.

The Capita report says: "The lack of a joined-up network of active travel

links within Penarth and to the wider active travel network, e.g. to Cardiff, along with the congested nature of the highway network, limits the potential of active travel as an option for everyday journeys.

"The provision of new active travel infrastructure would encourage greater levels of walking and cycling and improve links between key services."

Option two: Bus park and ride and sustainable transport links across to Cardiff Barrage

Capita says a bus park and ride at Cosmeston would reduce congestion in the area and increase sustainable travel options for commuters into Cardiff.

It says key junctions between Cosmeston and Cardiff Barrage could be improved to reduce bus journey times.

The report says: "The current route for buses travelling from Penarth to Cardiff is via heavily trafficked roads with no bus priority measures in place. Buses are subject to the same delays as

private vehicles and journeys by bus take longer than the equivalent journey by car.

"The unreliability and slow journey times of bus services due to traffic delays reduces the attractiveness of travel by bus as an alternative to the car, particularly for commuting journeys."

This option also includes the introduction of new travel options into Cardiff from the Barrage. Water taxis, self-driving electric pods, vehicles or bikes, a monorail or shuttle bus linking Penarth and Cardiff, powered uphill cycle lifts and a cable car have all been suggested during a consultation.

The report says: "Consideration would need to be given to the infrastructure required to enable any sustainable transport option to travel the length of the barrage, as currently a significant section of the barrage is only accessible by pedestrians and cyclists."

Option three: New transport interchange

Under this option, Cogan Railway Station

would be upgraded to create a new transport interchange serving the Penarth Marina and Cardiff Bay areas.

Potential upgrades include a park and ride facility of 168 spaces and a residential development on a vacant site to the east of the station, facilities for buses and taxis to allow better links to Penarth Marina and Cardiff Bay and improvements to passenger facilities – including as new platform for the Penarth to Cardiff line.

The report says: "The current provision for park and ride at Cogan Station is limited, the station has poor quality pedestrian links to the surrounding area and the highway network in the vicinity of the station experiences problems of congestion."

Matt Discombe
Local democracy reporter

Soldier's 16-year prison sentence for attacks on women

A MEMBER of the Parachute Regiment stationed at St Athan has been jailed for 16 years at Cardiff Crown Court for carrying out sex attacks on three women, writes AJ SICLUNA.

The court heard that 27-year-old Joshua Jolly, a private, had targeted his victims who, said Judge Eleri Rees "had suffered terrifying ordeals".

She added: "It was everyone's worst nightmare and the psychological effects have been profound."

Jolly, who served in Afghanistan and who suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder

pleaded guilty to six charges involving assault by penetration, sexual assault and causing actual bodily harm.

The first victim, aged 26, was walking home in Cardiff on February 11 last year and Jolly threw her to the ground, grasped her hard over the mouth, causing her to lose consciousness and injured her.

The second victim, aged 23, was walking home in Cardiff when Jolly pulled her to the ground and carried out a sexual assault.

On one occasion, said prosecutor Jason Howells, Jolly had used a service vehicle and his movements had been tracked; he had also been spotted on CCTV.

The third victim, aged 38, was walking to work on April 6 this year and Jolly followed her, ran at her, grabbed her mouth, choking her, threw her to the ground and carried out a sex attack.

All the attacks, said Mr Howells, were very quick.

The last victim had to be treated for injuries at the University Hospital of Wales. Jolly, who was arrested at the home of his wife in April, said he had been in Cardiff and sometimes at a club in Barry and had contacted prostitutes.

Mr Howells said: "He admitted he had a high sex drive, but would never attack a woman."

The first woman said she might never recover

from what happened and had become paranoid and added: "I am a shell of the person I was."

The second one said her whole world had changed and she suffered horrific nightmares.

The third said she had flashbacks, could not sleep and her family had been affected.

Jolly's counsel, Byron Broadstock, said his lack of previous convictions was a mitigating factor, there was evidence of remorse and he acknowledged the impact of his behaviour.

"Mercifully," said Mr Broadstock, "the incidents were brief."

In addition to the 16 years there was an extended licence period of six years and the Judge ordered Jolly could not be considered for parole before serving two thirds of the prison sentence.

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Sue Vincent-Jones at No. 10.

FORMER local editor and journalist Sue Vincent-Jones was one of 30 LGBT+ activists invited by the Prime Minister Theresa May to a garden party at 10 Downing Street in recognition of their contribution to diversity and inclusion.

Ms Vincent-Jones

now works for the Welsh Government and was recognised for her success as co-chair of PRISM, the organisation's LGBT+ staff network. She was joined by fellow campaigner Karen Cooke, chair of the Cardiff University network Enlys, at the reception which took place during Pride in London week.

Ms Vincent-Jones, who is stepping down

as PRISM co-chair in August after five years, said: "I am truly humbled to have been included as one of the LGBT+ activists striving to make a difference in both our workplace and wider community. I am also immensely honoured that Stonewall's outgoing chief executive Ruth Hunt put my name forward."

'Lavender's blue' at Penllyn WI



Members rediscovered an old craft at Penllyn.

EVERYONE will have heard of or used a 'Lavender bag' at some time but have you heard of a 'Lavender dolly'?

At Penllyn and District WI's July meeting, members were taught how to make these very unusual items. Pat Summers, who has been producing them for a long time, told members that she and her sisters had been taught the skill by their mother many years ago and it had become a family tradition to make the dillies for special occasions. She showed everyone dillies that had been made for royal weddings, for the Olympics and for Urdd eisteddfods.

The dolly is not only attractive, but smells delightful and can be hung up in wardrobes or airing cupboards, to protect clothing and linen. Penllyn and District WI does not meet in August but will be back in Penllyn village hall on the first Tuesday in September at 7.30pm. Prospective new members are welcome.

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NGS Open Gardens are open for charity in Penarth and Dinas

164 Redlands Road, Penarth open July 13 and 14 from 9am-6pm.

This is the first time this garden is open in support of the National Garden Scheme (NGS) and it is a great example of a large urban garden.

It is an unexpected delight when you come through side gate off the main road; the garden was never designed, but evolved over time through the passion of the garden owners for colour, flowers and a bargain in the plant sales!

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If you miss this weekend's opening the garden is also open by arrangement throughout July.

Gardens in Dinas

Powys open on July 13 and 14 from 11am - 5pm.

This group of gardens opening in Dinas Powys will make a memorable day out. Call along to a number of gardens following the NGS yellow signs and discover an array of diverse garden ideas.

The garden at 1 Ashgrove has a variety of plants and trees in sweeping beds, with many hidden nooks and places to sit.

30 Millbrook Road is a large and beautiful garden, established over 25 years, with lovely pond and waterfall. Our village church, St Peters is also opening with displays of flowers, classic cars and other attractions.

Our Nightingale community garden consist of many small plots for veg and flowers, absolutely overflowing with produce and with a lot of expertise to share. Delicious home-made teas will be served, including vegan and gluten-free options, and there will be plants for sale.

There are many restful and beautiful areas to sit and relax in.

Admission combined: adults £4, children free.

If you are a garden addict, you will be sure to pop along to both Penarth and Dinas Powys open gardens over the weekend as they are within eight minutes' drive of each other.

NGS Open Garden in Bryncethin, Maes-Y-Wertha Farm is open on Sunday, July 14 from 12pm-7pm.

In a three acre hidden gem just outside Bridgend in Bryncethin, you will find a small Japanese garden fed by a stream leading you to informal mixed beds and enclosed herbaceous borders.

Ponds and a rill are fed by a natural spring. A meadow with large lawns, under new planting, provides wonderful vistas over the surrounding countryside.

Come and find a mural in the summerhouse by contemporary artist Daniel Llewelyn Hall, whose work is also represented in the Royal Collection and The House of Lords.

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Crematorium donates £8,000 to heart charity



ABOVE: The crematorium was delighted to present the charity's director Sharon Owen (centre) with a cheque for £8,000.

EIGHT thousand pounds raised by recycling metals that are collected from cremations at Coychurch Crematorium has been donated to the Welsh Hearts charity to help improve heart health and save lives in Wales.

Any recovered metals such as items used in the construction of the coffin, and orthopaedic implants including hip and knee joints are recycled with relatives' consent as the crematorium participates in the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management's (ICCM) National Scheme for the Recycling of Metals.

The Coychurch Crematorium

Joint Committee recently nominated Welsh Hearts as its chosen charity and was delighted to present the charity's director Sharon Owen with a cheque for £8,000.

The Joint Committee were equally thrilled to be told that the crematorium will be given a defibrillator by Welsh Hearts and training will also be provided for staff.

The crematorium has been involved in the National Scheme for the Recycling of Metals since 2005 and has previously donated money to various local bereavement charities.

'Loving mother' died in road crash at Fonmon



SOUTH Wales Police is investigating a fatal road traffic collision on the B4265 at Fonmon in the Vale of Glamorgan.

At approximately 5.45pm on Wednesday, July 3, a blue BMW 1 series and an orange Kia Picanto collided at the junction with Fonmon.

The two occupants of the Kia Picanto were taken to the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff.

However despite the best efforts of medical staff the driver of the Kia, Jeanette Macdonald from the Barry and St Athan areas died of her injuries.

The other occupant of the Kia, a 19-year-old woman remains in hospital in a stable condition.

Jeanette's family has issued the following statement:

"We as a family are devastated by the tragic and

sudden loss of Jeanette. "A loving mother, sister, daughter and auntie, Jeanette had the softest heart and would do anything for anyone.

"Nothing was ever too much, whether with friends, family or with the children and colleagues she worked with.

"Jeanette will be dearly missed by everyone whose life she touched."

The B4265 was closed for approximately five hours to allow for investigation work to be carried out. Officers would like to speak to anyone who may have witnessed the collision, any person who may have observed the manner of driving of the vehicles prior to the collision or anyone who may have dash cam footage relating to incident.

Witnesses can contact the Serious Collision Investigation Unit by calling 101 quoting occurrence 1900240928.

Prince's special visit to South Wales Police Headquarters



The Prince of Wales being welcomed to South Wales Police headquarters by Chief Constable Matt Jukes.

THE Prince of Wales has made a special visit to South Wales Police headquarters as part of celebrations to mark the force's 50th anniversary.

On June 1, 1969 the predecessor forces of Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan, Swansea, and Cardiff came together and a new force came into being.

During the visit on Tuesday, July 2, he led a re-dedication of a memorial garden and toured the Heritage Centre, met call handling staff at the Public Service Centre and saw some of the technology at the heart of modern-day policing.

The memorial garden features a series of semi-circular memorial

walls which include the names of all colleagues who have died in service since the formation of the force. Plaques inscribed with the details of each of them have been mounted on slate and placed on the curved walls.

The prince also spoke to some of the longest serving police officers from each area of the force and volunteers who have given up thousands of hours of their time to support policing in South Wales.

There was also a special moment for Swansea-based Constable Kevin Garner, who is due to retire after providing police motorcycle escorts on dozens of previous royal visits to south Wales.

Speaking during the visit, Chief Constable

Matt Jukes said: "This force, which I am so very proud to lead today, has learned so much and achieved so much over the past 50 years. It is highly fitting that HRH The Prince of Wales is with us today.

"He has been a great friend to the service and has been protected by our teams on many, many visits to the force area. But never to this headquarters. We are truly grateful that he has chosen to spend time with us."

Police and Crime Commissioner Alun Michael thanked police officers and staff "who show extraordinary personal commitment, courage, imagination and intelligence as they work to keep our communities safe".

St Nicholas WI – 80 years and still going strong

ON June 28, St Nicholas WI celebrated our 80th birthday at the Reading Room, Bonvilston.

Ann Davies, chair of Glamorgan Federation and four other federation members attended, along with members of six other WIs. Members and guests enjoyed entertainment from Porthcawl Bandits with singing and dancing.

After a delicious tea of homemade sandwiches and cakes, members raised a glass of Prosecco as Wendy Lowe cut our birthday cake. Janet Hayes, our president thanked everyone for coming and the committee and members for all their

hard work in making this evening so successful.

On July 4, Janet welcomed members to a musical evening of African drumming, provided by Dan Phelps. All members played drums and other musical instruments, and great fun was had by all. After the business meeting, Liz Harry won the raffle and Rosemary Fisher won the competition.

Arrangements were finalised for afternoon tea on July 10 at Holm House Hotel and our trip to Kelmscott Manor on August 21. The next meeting is on September 5 at 7pm, new members are welcome. VH/JH



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Out & About with The GEM

Boxing club joins Llantwit Major Football club to stage family fun day



ON July 6, Llantwit Major Football club, in partnership with Llantwit Boxing Club, held their second annual charity boxing event and family fun day for their chosen charity, Air Ambulance Wales.

There were 18 boxers, some of whom had never boxed before and underwent 8-12 weeks of intense training at the club.

The event was held at Frampton playing fields with more than 400 people attending the event.

The boxing started with two youngsters, Tommy Collins and Tyler Jackson, who no doubt will have a bright future in boxing.

The remaining bouts were made up of ex-footballers from the club, and a few local lads who fancied the challenge of undergoing rigorous training; Jak Beynon, Seb Harris, Ryan

Evans, Stewart Lindsay, Josh Watkins, Andrew Davies, Philip Grafton, Richard Robinson, Graham Goodfellow, Owen Morris, Paul Owens, Leigh Pratt, Gareth Morrison, Tom Hubbard, Lee Tracey and Dale Jones.

The two youngsters had an extra special surprise on the day, when former IBF Featherweight, European, Commonwealth and British Featherweight Champion, Lee Selby, went in the ring with them for three

rounds each.

Thanks go to Lee from both clubs for giving up his time.

The Boxing Coaches. Karl Jones, Mickey Dixon, Jeff Robinson & Molly Sheehan who gave up so much time for the boxers, and were always on hand if any of the boxers wanted extra training.

Thanks also go to the club committee and volunteers; R&T Tool Hire of Llandow who provided power for the event; Yanto the DJ; Luke James and

Cabin Fever for providing the music after the boxing; Farmers Pantry who provided the barbecue; Alex and Joe from Dragon Fire Kitchen; Jordan and Gemma of JG Bouncy Castle Hire who helped keep the children entertained throughout the day.

Thanks go to all the boxers, who were sponsored on the day, everyone who donated raffle prizes and to Hayley Jennings from the football club.

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Friends are in training for the Channel swim

SEVEN friends and colleagues are swimming the English Channel for the first time to raise funds for British Heart Foundation research.

Joanne Oliver from Rhose, Barry and six other women will swim the gruelling 21 mile (32km) route in a relay format, setting out from near Dover on September 9 and finishing near Calais.

The swimmers will each swim for an hour in turn under strict rules which don't allow team members to make physical contact during the relay, be in the sea at the same time or wear wetsuits.

Joanne is Health Service lead at BHF Cymru and has been inspired to take up the challenge because of a history of heart disease in her family.

Joanne explains: "I've lost both my parents to heart disease, my dad just last year. My mum loved the sea and swam a lot to keep fit. Every year our family holiday would be camping near a beach so we could swim in the sea every day.

"I've always been fascinated and inspired by the Channel Swim challenge as it's so physically and

mentally demanding. I enjoy swimming, but usually in my local leisure pool and not out in the open sea.

"Fourteen years ago I worked as a heart failure nurse in Cardiff and Vale UHB. My role was initially funded by the BHF and was one of first specialist heart failure nurses to be established within Wales at the time.

"I now work for BHF Cymru leading a team working across Wales with health boards to help improve the treatment and care of people living with heart and circulatory disease and so I know how important raising money for vital research is."

Six other women form the team taking on the challenge: Sally Hughes and Lynne Ruddick are colleagues of Joanne and also work for the BHF. They are being joined by Rachel Owen, a senior cardiac nurse from Radyr in Cardiff; Sian Hughes, a palliative care and heart failure specialist nurse from Whitchurch, Cardiff; Dr Rhian Fuge, a

haematologist from Swansea and Emma Halcox, a supermarket assistant also from Swansea.

Emma's husband is a consultant cardiologist in Swansea and completed a relay challenge swim across the channel in 2016, and has inspired and advised the women for their training regime.

The English Channel is a unique and demanding swim, considered by many to be the ultimate long distance challenge.

Swimmers have to be prepared for the many variable conditions including low water temperatures, wind and high waves.

The swimming experience differs considerably among the women. Three have never swum in open water until they started training for this event. The other four have some open water swimming experience, but have always worn wetsuits and the Channel swim challenge only permits participants to wear swimsuits.

Training is well underway with two of the team taking swimming lessons to improve their technique and all practicing breathing techniques needed for sea swimming.

Joanne, Rachel and Sian train together in the sea at Barry when they can and all seven plan to meet for regular sea swims as the weather gets warmer.

Joanne continued: "The biggest challenge for us will be the cold. Swimming across the Channel in just a swimsuit, getting used to the waves, salt water, seaweed and other debris as well as potential sea sickness. The physical effort taking it in turns to swim for an hour each is going to be incredibly difficult, but we are determined to do it.

"Knowing that I am giving something back to

the charity that has supported me and my family in many ways over the past 15 years is a real driver for me, and when we've finally completed the swim it will be such an amazing achievement for all of us."

To donate to Joanne's fundraising visit her JustGiving page at: www.justgiving.com/BHFCymruChannelRelaySwim.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

The high tides listed in this week's Gem are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tides times will vary. For instance, in Barry the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

Until July 18

Date	Time	Height (metres)
11/07/2019	01:57	8.5
11/07/2019	14:36	8.4
12/07/2019	03:08	8.3
12/07/2019	15:49	8.4
13/07/2019	04:19	8.3
13/07/2019	16:53	8.5
14/07/2019	05:21	8.5
14/07/2019	17:48	8.7
15/07/2019	06:16	8.9
15/07/2019	18:39	9.0
16/07/2019	06:59	9.2
16/07/2019	19:23	9.3
17/07/2019	07:44	9.3
17/07/2019	19:59	9.4
18/07/2019	08:23	9.3
18/07/2019	20:38	9.6

While the Gem makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Stay safe in the garden

GREEN fingered Brits have been urged to take care in order to avoid slips, trips and falls this summer, now the most common causes of accidents in the garden have been revealed.

Horticulture experts at *GardenBuildingsDirect.co.uk* have compiled a guide of the most common incidents that can occur whilst in the garden.

Spending time cultivating plants and shrubs has many proven health benefits such as reducing stress and promoting a healthy lifestyle.

But gardening also presents certain hazards that could leave Brits in A&E this summer.

A spokesperson for *GardenBuildingsDirect.co.uk* explained: "Thousands of Brits will be taking to their gardens this summer to preen, prune and plant, but it's important to make sure you're doing so safely.

"Taking some extra time to identify the areas in which accidents could occur and dealing with them immediately could be all that's needed to prevent a serious incident from occurring."

1. Pools and ponds

Although they look fantastic and are great fun to have, pools and ponds can present significant hazards, especially to young children.

For this reason, it's best to hold off on installing these features until any children in the home are over five years old.

However, if a pool or pond is already in place, you can minimise the risks by building a fence around the parameter or placing a safety grid on top when not in use.

2. Ladders

Most homeowners will have at least one ladder to hand, but this versatile tool has caused many Brits a trip to A&E.

A simple slip could lead to serious injuries, therefore ensure the ladder is only placed on solid, even ground and that the steps are clean and dry.

A ladder that has rubber feet will prevent it from slipping.

3. Mowers

Reports have revealed that 6,500 accidents in the UK were caused by the unassuming lawn mower.

The majority of these occurred during the process of cleaning the machine as the sharp blades can lead to deep lacerations, whilst the mower running over feet was also a common reason.

Before cleaning, ensure the machine is unplugged. Cutting grass may seem simple but this task should only be completed by individuals who are experienced and have the proper safety equipment.

4. Flower pots

Surprisingly, flower pots – especially hanging pots – can pose certain dangers.

If not securely attached or weighed down a gust of wind could result in the pot falling on someone and causing serious damage, and this also stands for baskets etc.

5. DIY

A little maintenance and upcycling can go a long way, especially in the garden. However, lifting heavy objects can put strain on the body and lead to various injuries and ailments in the long term. Shifting outdoor furniture or machinery across the lawn will put strain on joints and muscle, so make sure you're performing these tasks properly and safely.

6. Tools

Discarded tools such as shears and garden forks will always present a danger in the garden. After using, make sure they're returned to the shed or to another safe area which is out of the reach of children.

How AI is changing the way we live

VOICE-ACTIVATED cookers, remote controlled loos and a fridge that can tell you the weather – Luke Rix-Standing scrolls through the latest home tech.

If someone from 1999 had spent the last 20 years in cryo-freeze, then woke up and immediately toured the smart home section of IKEA, they would probably think the robots had finally taken over.

Detailed datasheets on household 'performance'; surveillance cameras and digital locks; artificial

intelligence – with its own 'human' names – ruling our appliances with an iron fist.

It almost sounds a little dystopian. But while modern smart devices are just the latest step in the ever-evolving quest for ultimate convenience and efficiency – with constant new developments and an endless stream of jargon, they can still be thoroughly confusing.

Here's the lowdown on connected domesticity, from £2,000 smart fridges down to the humblest light bulb...

What is a smart home?

In its simplest terms, a smart home is a connected set of domestic gadgets and appliances, controlled via a central hub or smartphone.

Many of these gadgets will feed back information and performance data, some are automated and will perform their function without human intervention, and almost all are geared towards convenience.

Take, for instance, the smart thermostat, one of the harbingers of the smart revolution. Hive Active Heating (from £199 without Hive

Hub, hivehome.com) allows you to control your central heating via your smartphone. Either set schedules remotely ahead of time, or simply turn on your heating en route and arrive to instant snugness and warmth.

A few years ago, devices like these were the headline act, and each new addition would be accompanied by an app. Now, a lot of smart homes are ruled by larger, interconnected systems, usually commanded via voice-activated AI. (CONTINUED on PAGE 22).

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Welcome to a brave new world, where your fridge turns out to be a whole lot smarter than you are!

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Amazon Echo is perhaps the most prominent, spearheaded by your friendly neighbourhood Alexa, with Google Assistant and Apple HomeKit in hot pursuit. Other platforms are available, and homeowners should do their research and decide which one best suits

their needs.

These systems work with a wide range of other brands and gadgets, so if you do choose to build a home around an AI, be sure to check compatibility before you buy.

Go go gadget

Once your smart home is responding to your voice, you can start giving it interesting

toys. Philips Hue have cornered the market on smart lighting - often one of the first appliances to be swallowed up by smart tech.

Their range of multi-coloured LED smart bulbs (starting from £39.99 for a Philips Hue White Ambience Smart LED Bulb - E27 Twin Pack, currys.co.uk) can flicker between 16 million distinct shades. And with excellent compatibility, most home networks can activate the lights with a simple voice command.

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Lights and plugs can operate property-wide, but there's a smart device (or three) for each of your main rooms. Easily the most appliance-heavy area of most homes, it's no surprise that the kitchen might now be the smartest too.

A quick Google search yields tens of smart, remotely-controllable coffee machines, pressure cookers, and even fully-fledged microwave ovens. The most demanding customers should try Samsung's Family Hub Multi-Door Fridge Freezer (£2,799, samsung.com) - a multimedia entertainment and life-organising system that occasionally moonlights as a refrigerator.

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The Roadshow brings together a team of the country's leading authorities to offer free valuations for your family heirlooms or car boot bargains. Each Roadshow attracts thousands, eager to find out if they might own a missing masterpiece or find out the history of their items. Antiques Roadshow is one of the BBC's most popular factual programmes and around six million people regularly watch it.

Fiona Bruce has presented the show for 12 years: "So much of what you see on the Antiques Roadshow is about the story of an object and its owner as much as about its value. We are never short of people bringing along items that tell a hell of a story, which can be exciting, poignant or funny, sometimes, all three.

"Even after all these years people still have the most amazing things tucked away and I can't wait to see what they pull out in 2019."

Entry to the show is free and no ticket or pre-registration are required. More information, www.bbc.co.uk/antiquesroadshow.



Fiona Bruce and Antiques Roadshow experts Judith Miller, Lennox Cato, Paul Atterbury, Mark Hill and Rupert Maas.

Garden Party in Wick

ST James Church, Wick, will hold a garden party on Saturday, July 13, at Green Isha Farm, Wick, between 2pm and 4pm.

A spokesperson said: "Come and join us in a lovely orchard setting for a fun-filled afternoon for all the family.

"Enjoy a cream tea, cakes, plants, books, fashion accessories, children's activities and displays by local groups and a presentation of work completed and future plans for the restoration of the church building.

"There will be music from the Ukkelistics, and free admission." AS

Jazz Night for NSPCC



THE jazz group from Cowbridge Comprehensive School recently staged a show to help raise funds for the local NSPCC branch.

Guests also had supper, which was hosted by Arboreal. Grateful thanks to Sam, Bud and their staff for making it such a wonderful evening.

A one-man band at Barry Festival

ONE-MAN band Rory McLeod is the next act in this year's Barry Arts Festival, playing at Barry West End next Thursday, July 18 (doors 7pm).

An ex-circus clown and fire-eater, Rory uses

tap shoes, harmonica, guitar, trombone, spoons and finger cymbals as part of his live performance. Festival organiser Mike Duggan said he was pleased to bring Rory to Barry: "Rory McLeod is a rhythmic story-teller, a soul singing, tap dancing

poet and guitar picking one-man band that we are pleased to see at the Barry West End Club."

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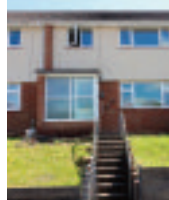
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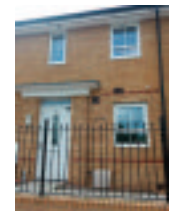
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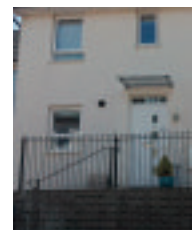
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Michael Wendell

Passed away unexpectedly on 24th June, aged 75 years. Beloved husband of Janet (née Sectuna) and dear father of Ailsa, Elaine, Ceri, Rhodri, Meredydd (deceased), Llywelyn and Rhoslyn. Grandfather to 13 children and one great granddaughter.

Funeral service to take place at Nazareth House chapel, Colum Road, Cardiff, CF10 3UN on Monday, 15th of July at 10am.

Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu, if desired, for the Society for Protection of Unborn Children.

All enquiries to Green Willow Funerals, 31-33 St Isan Road, Heath, Cardiff, CF14 4LU. Tel: (029) 20755 555.

JENKINS
Paul (Jenner)

Suddenly but peacefully on 20th June, Paul passed away at home in Penarth. Loving partner to Diana and much loved brother to Lindsay. Paul will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Resting at Park Funeral Directors, his funeral service will take place at All Saints Church, Penarth on Monday, 15th July at 2pm, followed by a committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road at 3pm.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, can be sent either to RSPCA or Marie Curie or a collection box will be available at the end of the service. All enquiries to Park Funerals, 7 Tynewydd Road, Barry. Telephone 01446 421212.

THOMAS**Jacqueline Carol (Jackie)**

With great sadness the family announce the death of Jackie. Much loved mother to Erica and Louise, grandmother, 'Fav Aunt' to Cath and sister-in-law to Jane.

Jackie will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Funeral Thursday 18th July, service 1.30pm at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, followed by interment at St John the Baptist Church, Llanblethian. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired to Marie Curie Holme Tower, Penarth.

RUSSELL**Betty**

Passed away peacefully in the Royal Bournemouth Hospital, Dorset on 19th June 2019, aged 89 years. Beloved wife of John and cherished mum of Fiona, Ailsa and James.

Deeply loved and will be sorely missed by all her family.

Funeral Service at Bournemouth Crematorium BH8 9HX on Tuesday, 30th July, at 12.15pm.

Family flowers only please. Donations in Betty's memory may be made online at: <http://www.wiltonfunerals.co.uk> or by sending a cheque made payable to Parkinson's UK care of Wilton Funeral Services, 156 Tuckton Road, Bournemouth, BH6 3JX. Tel: 01202 428536

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KENNEDY**Sarina**

17th July 2018, aged 54 years

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Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Davies & Meredith Limited trading as **Davies & Meredith Limited of Unit A39 Kent Road, Bridgend Industrial Estate, Bridgend, CF31 3TU** is applying to change an existing licence as follows. To add an operating centre to keep 5 goods vehicles and 5 trailers at the operating centre at **Unit A39, Kent Road, Bridgend Industrial Estate, Bridgend, CF31 3TU**.

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BROWN
June

(Former Wales Hockey Team captain)

June passed peacefully on 29th June 2019 at College Field Nursing Home, aged 92 years. Beloved aunt of June Rose and Jill, great aunt to all her nieces and nephews.

June will always be loved and remembered by all her family and friends.

In the care of A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at 11am on Thursday, 18th July at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the PDAS.

DALE
Joseph

Passed away suddenly but peacefully in his garden at home in Rhosne on the 26th June. Beloved long term partner of Sandra.

Joe will be greatly missed by all his family, friends and all who loved him.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until a celebration of his life at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Tuesday, 16th July at 3pm. Family floral tributes only.

LEWIS**Reverend William Rhys**

Passed away peacefully on Tuesday, 2nd July at home in Llantwit Major. Reverend William Rhys Lewis loving husband to Audrey, devoted father of David and Kay and respected father-in-law of Paul.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonnnon. Funeral Tuesday 16th July, service and cremation 11.30am at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. Family flowers only.

ROBERTS**Eric**

Passed away peacefully in The Manor Nursing Home, St Hilary, Cowbridge on 24th June 2019. Third son of the late Arthur and Margaret, fond uncle of all his nieces and nephews. Late of Ty Uchaf Moulton, Gelli Farm Ynysybwll and Llanblethian.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonnnon. Funeral Monday, 22nd July, service 12 noon at Llanblethian Church, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 1.15pm.

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HELLYAR**Dennis Joseph**

Peacefully on 5th July 2019, Dennis aged 85 years. Beloved husband of June, much loved dad of Jennifer, John, Howard and Dennis. A loved grandpa to his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Dennis will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

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Section 17 (5)

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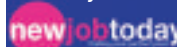
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July 3, Romilly entertained Sully Bowling Club in the Munro Cup.

Rink 1 - Glyn Sheppard, Eric Fortt, Kelyvne Mills, Skip Graham Cogbill. Result 24-14

Rink 2 - Phil Herbert, Jerry Daly, Phil Gershenson, Skip Steve Close. Result 13-14

Rink 4 Peter Hunt, Barrie Griffiths, Skip Ray Hewitson. Result 15-19

Rink 5 Arthur Champ, Dave Noble, Alan Bryan, Skip Clive Collins. Result 15-11. Aggregate

On Saturday, July 6, Romilly 1st team played away at Ferndale

Rink 1 Kelyvne Mills, Terry Bloomfield, Steve Close, Skip Mike Doyle. Result 14-21

Rink 2 Phil Gershenson, Roger Jones, Mel Newman, Skip Brian Foscolo. Result 13-28

Rink 3 Jerry Daly, Gwyn Rees, Gary Eastment, Skip Jeff Wright. Result 9-25

Rink 4 Alan Bryan, Dave Noble, Clive Collins, Skip Graham Cogbill. Result 21-20 (with the Romilly side picking up four shots

on the last end to pip Ferndale by one). Aggregate 57-94.

On Saturday, July 6, Romilly A side entertained St Peters.

Rink 1 - Paul Swannick, Don Evans, Anthony Jones, Skip John Kirk. Result 16-19.

Rink 2 - Dennis Mottram, Phil Herbert, Paul Ross, Skip Tony Freeman. Result 18-22

Rink 3 - Paul James, Stuart Simpson, Phil Edwards, Skip Ray Hewitson. Result 23-10

Rink 4 Eric Fortt, Brian Parker, Mike Gronow, Skip Barrie Griffiths. Result 28-11. Aggregate 85-62. **JWK**

Vale CC triumph in top of table clash

FIRST-PLACED Vale CC hosted second place Monkswood in Corntown.

Vale lost their first wicket at 58-1 as Alex Upham (21) was caught off the bowling of Malson (1-40).

Matthew Thomas (29) followed suit fairly soon and by the 34th over the total was 148-5. JJ Davies (62) and Harry Withers (26) took the score to 201-7 but fell in the 42nd over.

Matthew Williams (17no) and Jimbo Thomas added runs in the last few overs and Vale ended with 226-8.

After tea, Monkswood were treated to some furious fast bowling from Joe Hodges who enjoyed his best spell so far with fast and aggressive pace finishing with figures of 4-36.

Although the experienced

bowlers bowled well, it was young Joseph Davies who was making his debut for the firsts at 14 years of age who took the spotlight. Due to his age, Joseph was restricted to five overs, which is a great shame. The young left arm seamer bowled with increasing pace and confidence as his spell progressed. The club are exceptionally proud of their youth section but by far one of the proudest moments they can have is watching a junior member rise to first team cricket.

Joseph bowled very well, finishing with figures of 2-16.

Vale have now increased their lead to 33 points, leading the pack for promotion to Division 2.

The Bridgend Ford Player of the Match was JJ Davies. **HW**

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YMCA Barry's Welsh squad successes

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The South Central Development Squad covers all the gymnastics clubs in south central Wales, and accept gymnasts aged seven or eight.

The gymnasts all worked extremely hard and their foundation gymnastics were tested by the Welsh National Coaches. YMCA Barry secured five of the spaces: Olivia Melinn, Isla Enos, Poppy Falconer, Connie Clark and Mya Edwards.

This was a brilliant achievement for the girls and the club.

The five girls will start their training with the national coaches once a month from September.

A space in the Welsh Development Squad is extremely hard to come by, with only a select few accepted from the whole of Wales. Six-year-old Olivia Melinn gained one

of the 10 spaces available for her age group from Wales and nine-year-old Azaria Karim regained the space which she has maintained since she was six years old.

Olivia and Azaria underwent many exercises to test their flexibility, strength, power, co-ordination, courage and other skills required for high level gymnastics. Olivia is now attending her Welsh Development Squad lessons once a month with the Welsh national coaches and Azaria Karim has been offered a place in the Elite Welsh Gymnastics Academy, a fantastic achievement.

Do you have a son or daughter who would like to try gymnastics?

YMCA Barry caters for all levels of gymnastics from baby to teen, as well as cheerleading, tumbling, disability gymnastics, trampolining and competition men's and women's artistic. For more information call 01446 724000, email sophie@ymcabarry.org.uk, or follow on social media @ymcabarry.

SE

Cadoxton on form with home victory over Cowbridge

ON Wednesday, July 3, it was Cadoxton v Cowbridge in the Munro Cup at home.

A big improvement to the Cadoxton green eased the problem for Cowbridge, visiting from their fast all-weather green. Nevertheless, it also pleased the home rink skipped by Mike Hurley, who completed an outstanding 22-shot victory, with just three losing ends.

Jim Davies also won well on his rink despite dropping a 'six' to bring the scores level on the 10th end. They replied with a 'five' on the next and took control.

Ian Heppenstall almost won but, after holding a 16-11 advantage, conceded a 'five' on the last end to tie.

Howard Craven led 4-2 on his rink after five ends, but a 'five' against was followed by a good run for the visitors, and they finished comfortable winners.

Scores: E Heppenstall, G Goddard, W Craven, H Craven 11 - 18 G Lloyd, T Foley, K Morgan, B Penn; E Davies, K Davies, E Palmer, M Hurley 27 - 5 T Lewis, A Rees, J Nixon, C Pritchard; A Ralphs, M Curtis, D Sluman, J Davies 21 - 14 T Dawsworth, J Colin, B Hole, N Wilkinson; J Stacey, D Jenkins, S Clarke, I Heppenstall 16 - 16 O Hopkins, N Gough, B Williams, C Wilson. **Final score: 75 - 53.**

Cadoxton travelled to Penarth for a league game against Belle Vue looking to continue their recent successes.

However, the home team took advantage of a heavy green and scored 11 of the 14 available shots. Kelvin Chedgzyo skipped the

only winning rink for the visitors.

They took an early lead which they kept for the entire game, although they had to hang on in the closing stages.

The lead was 16-5 after 14 ends when a 'five' gave the home side some hope. They closed the gap to just two shots after a 'four' on the penultimate end, but only managed a single on the last to give Cadoxton a narrow win.

Howard Craven also had a close finish after leading 11-6 when a break was had for tea after 11 ends. They still held a two-shot advantage but two singles during the last ends, against tied the match.

Don Kuhnell found the going too tough, and lost heavily, with opposing skip Trevor Ford, favouring full length jacks on the heavy service.

Ian Heppenstall's rink played a close game at the start and were level at 7 each at the tea break. Shortly after the break the score changed dramatically after they conceded a 'seven' followed by a 'five' on the next end to trail 9 - 24. Although they recovered to score 11 shots to win the remaining five ends, it was not enough for a win.

E Heppenstall, K Davies, W Craven, H Craven 16 - 16 P Bootti, D Smith, D Miller, M Thomas; E Davies, S Clarke, J Davies, K Chedgzyo 19 - 18 F Keen, D Huntley, G Field, D Purser; A Prince, D Jenkins, P Ellis, D Kuhnell 7 - 22 D Bradley, A Thomas, R Brant, T Ford; J Stacey, M Hurley, D Sluman, I Heppenstall 20 - 24 B Roberts, P Bagwell, P Paterson, B Bagwell. **Final score: 62 - 80.**

DK

Ladies' open is a success



COTTRELL Park Ladies Open day on Thursday, July 4, was a great success with 99 ladies from 17 golf clubs competing.

The weather was perfect, the course in excellent condition and there was the usual praise for the refreshments at the half way house with Pimms, savouries and home made cakes provided by the Cottrell ladies.

A Stableford

competition on the Mackintosh course, with the best two scores out of three to count, was won by Gaynor Lavell, Tina O'Sullivan and Joan Flaherty with 88 points.

Runners up (pictured above) were Jan Cosby and Judith Jessop from Cottrell Park with Elizabeth Hedley with 85 points.

The longest drive (0-24 H'cap.) was won by Caroline Michael (Radyr), and the 25+ H'cap by Ann Arnold (Pennard)

Nearest the pin on the 8th green Georgina Bartlett (Whitchurch) and on the 15th green Chris Anthony (Bryn Meadows)

The ladies' Captain, Tina Morgan presented the prizes.

The captain and her team of helpers worked hard all day and were rewarded with many thanks and compliments on a wonderful day.

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Wyndham FC celebrate a successful season at their prize-giving evening



Ron Prickett receives the top goal scorer award.



Rob Milroy receives his award.

WYNDHAM FC celebrated their tremendous season recently.

The managers took this opportunity to award stand-out players

and say thanks to those who support the club each week.

A club spokesperson said: "Those who picked up awards were: Ron Prickett - Top Goal Scorer; David John - Player

of the Year; Shane Edwards - Opponents' Player of the Year; Jay Williams - Players' Player and Rob Milroy - special thanks for the support!"

Brynhill week starts with champagne!

WITH perfect golfing weather and the fairway looking inviting, it was another busy weekend at the Barry course.

Kicking off on the Saturday with the annual Champagne Breakfast Stableford fourball, the top pair on the day were Dan Williams and Dave Stephenson, whose 43 points was just enough to edge out father and son duo Colin and Phil Lloyd, on a back nine countback.

On Sunday it was another two Stableford competitions, with golfers contesting the McEnroe while the Hackerati battled for the Major Cope. The former won by Sam Lazenbury whose 7-under-handicap 43 points, was four better than runner up Michael Moore jnr.

Top in the Major Cope was Mike Knight, who carded 39 points, the same total as runner up Mark Borges but with a better back nine. The contrast in styles between the two competition winners could hardly be more stark, Lazenbury looking the

part, with good balance and a classic golf swing while the slightly less supple septuagenarian Knight, swings like a drunk Morris Dancer on a bouncy Castle. It just proves the old adage "it's not how, it's how many".

On the team front, Brynhill's Men's second string edged out local rivals Wenvoe in a tight home match, which saw victories for Williams/Millar and Lundrigan/Peters with the Moore and Ham pairing suffering a 4 and 3 reverse.

Meanwhile Brynhill's Wonderful Wayfarers form slump continued, with a woeful home defeat to Radyr.

With the good weather forecast to continue, the club holds its Open Day on Saturday, a chance for golfers from far and wide to sample the delights of this stunning golf course.

Then onto Sunday when we battle it out for The Caledonian Cup, which celebrates the contribution Scots have made to the World and Brynhill Golf Course in particular.

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No joy on the road trip for Sully bowlers

ON a week when Sully Bowling club were away from home for both matches, it was not a good outcome.

On Wednesday, the team travelled to Romilly and a close-fought match as usual ensued.

After six ends the villagers were only one down but losing on three rinks, and after 12 it was two each but eight down.

Although over the last six ends the outcome swayed about, in the end it was too much for Sully who went down by nine, at 58-67 but still took points on two winning rinks.

Rink scores: E Pryer, K Mahoney, D Hotchkiss, M Hardy 19-15, B Curtis, B Danscombe, A Rees, D Edwards, 14-13, D Hodges H Levick Jones, A Thomas, D Curtis 11-15, D Curtin, R Nethercote, P Neale, T

Murphy 14-24.

On Saturday, it was up past Treorchy to Blaenrhonda Bowling club.

After recent results, the hopes were for a good outcome and after seven ends it was very close across the board, but then Sully seemed to fall off a cliff.

After 14 ends it was already game over.

The villagers' worst result of the season was the end result, losing on all rinks and by 37 shots.

Rink scores: D Lougher, D Curtin C Williams, T Murphy 21-22, K Mahoney J Hubbard, A Thomas D Curtis, 18-22, B Curtis B Danscombe D Hotchkiss D Edwards, 18-25, A Smith, E Pryer M Hardy, B Griffiths 10-37.

This week the villagers entertain Cyfarthfa Castle on Saturday 2.30.

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Vale of Glamorgan Bridge

THE results for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for July 8 are as follows:

First, Glyn Williams and Vida Halford 64.38 per cent; second, Sara Bartlett and James Mangles 60.63 per cent; third, June Williams and Andrea Waite 60.21 per cent.

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Honda's Jazz is a 'cracking little car' – Glamorgan GEM Motoring Review by Tony Yates

I'M here this week to share with you a motoring review and to tell you why the Honda Jazz is a wonderful little thing.

There isn't any reason whatsoever why you shouldn't go out right now and buy one. For instance, my friend did, so did one of my neighbours, and his friend, and the vicar at my local church, and the lady who works at my local supermarket. The list, as they say, is endless. So forget all you hear. I'm telling you right now – that the Honda Jazz is a cracking little car.

Power and Efficiency: The 1.3 Litre i-VTEC (102PS) petrol engine has 123Nm of torque and is actually a fantastic little engine that loves to be revved, and is a real joy to use as an everyday run-around. I am also happy to report that the engine feels very refined and has a decent range of torque available even when you consider its small size. Although just because it has a small

engine, that doesn't mean motorway driving is tedious – in fact, I found it quiet and unfussy.

Out on the open road the Jazz will return a combined 48+ MPG, and the emissions come in at a very respectable 117 g/km. Top speed will also top out at around 118mph and 0-62 will come in at 11.2 seconds, which seems slow – but it's not really, because it scoots along at a decent pace. It's like a little puppy dog, shooting around everywhere while snapping at the heels of some of the bigger boys out to play that day.

On the road: The Jazz feels nimble and controlled and the chassis is refined. You can also feel the stiffer platform and suspension – which certainly helps it play its part in improving the ride quality. The steering system also feels direct and the feedback for the driver is great. So, a great all-around driving experience then.

Design and Technology: The interior is of a good standard and the controls are basic in design but



Tony Yates was impressed with the 1.3 Litre i-VTEC (102PS) Honda Jazz.

functional. All the dials and switches are clear and unfussy – which I happen to like. Also, I own a VW UP! and you don't get any more basic on the inside than a VW UP! Standard equipment fitted across the range includes; Driver and Passenger SRS Airbags with Cut Off Switch, Whiplash Lessening Front Headrests, ABS (Anti-Lock Braking System), Electronic Brakeforce Distribution, Brake Assist, Vehicle

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To sum up: a good buy; if you are searching for a small compact family car then the Jazz is one of those you need to take a look at.

Price: (from) £14,600.

A tough week for Millwood against strong opposition

MUNRO Cup action this week had Penarth as visitors to Millwood Bowling Club on a pleasant evening.

Millwood's Rink 2 had Brian Howcroft, Dave Lewis, Paul Childs and Derek Gorrige facing a strong visiting rink.

After a ding-dong battle with the visitors they led 4-2 after five ends. The home side then eased into a 9-6 lead after 12 ends.

Over the next five ends, the away side took 6 shots to the home side's 2, meaning the scores were tied 11 shots each at the start of the last end.

At that point, a brilliant second shot by lead Dave Lewis, taking both bowl and jack into the ditch, proved just enough to see the home rink win by 12-11.

Over on Rink 3, Brian Crockford, Nigel Tutton, Arthur Norris and Dave Woodfin led 6-4 after five ends, but nine shots to the away side on the next six ends had them leading 12-6.

The home side scored five shots on the next two ends to close the gap, but 11 shots by the visitors to the home team's two gave them a comfortable final score of 23-13.

Elsewhere on Rink 4, Steve Sewell, Alan Evans, Alan Bickley and Kelvin Lewys battled well for the first half of the game but as the match progressed, they found themselves slowly losing ground, and they finally lost 21-8.

Meanwhile, on Rink 5, John Slee, Mickey Lucas, Toy Cole and Haydn Spencer had a real ding-dong with their opponents and led 13-11 after

13 ends.

However, seven shots without reply had the visitors win 18-3 overall, victory going to the visitors by 73 shots to 46, taking 12 points to Millwood's 2.

Saturday saw Division 3 League action with Senghenydd the visitors. On Rink 3, Steve Sewell, Alan Evan, Kevin Lewys and Brian Howcroft started well enough, but seven shots dropped on ends five and six gave the visitors a lead they were not going to give up easily.

Although the home rink tried, they were unable to pin the away side back, despite scoring six on the last three ends. The visitors won 23-16.

Peter Taylor, Mickey Lucas, John Slee, and Tony Cole trailed 5-2 after five ends, and with their opponents coping with the rink better than the home side, and despite their best efforts, they succumbed 27-12.

Elsewhere on Rink 4 Brian Crockford, Nigel Tutton, Keith Thomas and Derek Gorrige got off to a flier and led 7-1 after five ends.

They increased this lead to 15-8 after 13 ends, and kept the pressure on to reach the 19th end 22-17.

However, six shots dropped on the last two ends saw the visitors scrape home 23-22.

On Rink 5, Keith Davies, Dave Bourne, Haydn Spencer and Rob Browne did not really fire at all and succumbed to a 25-8 defeat, meaning a clean sweep for the visitors who took all 14 points on offer.

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It's a boccia 'three-peat' for Hen Goleg's Team Mission Impossible



TEAM Mission Impossible recently clinched their third consecutive Vale Boccia League title, a competition organised by the Vale Council's Sports Development team, after completing another perfect season.

Boccia is a disability sport in which players propel balls with the aim of landing as closely as possible to the target ball. Each side has six red or blue balls, and points are accumulated to find a winner.

The Vale Boccia League was established in 2003. Teams are divided into

two pools, with the top teams progressing to the knockout stages. In this year's final Hen Goleg Resource Centre's Mission Impossible overcame the SEND Scorpions to emerge victorious.

Collecting awards alongside the winners were the Barry Bombers, who were awarded the Dean Evans Team Spirit Award for their outstanding attitude.

Robert Williams of the Sully Strikers picked up the Dilwyn Williams Individual Sportsmanship Award, for his inspiring performances.

Simon Jones, Disability Sport Wales development officer for the Vale, said:

"The league is in its 15th year and goes from strength to strength.

"We get new players taking part every year, as well as familiar faces returning.

"Thank you to Hen Goleg Resource Centre who provide the facility every year, and an even bigger thank you to Faye and Jeff for refereeing the matches.

"It's a pleasure to be involved in such a brilliant tournament."

If you would like more information about Disability Sport in the Vale of Glamorgan, contact Simon Jones on 01446 704728 or sjones@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Busy times for the Cowbridge bowlers

THE honours at Cowbridge bowling Club recently have gone to our lady bowlers who have shown fine form.

On Tuesday, June 25 in a two-rink evening league game they were away to St Fagans.

Rink scores: Diane Purnell, Maggie Penn, Helen Nixon and Sylvia Hole 9 – 12; Dorothy Pritchard, Tina Payne, Elaine Dobie and Kay Edwards 21 – 11. Match score: Cowbridge 30 St Fagans 23.

Pencoe were the visitors for the afternoon Thursday league game.

Rink scores: Lin Wallace, Caryl Davies, Phyllis Price and Helen Nixon 20 – 10; Dorothy Pritchard, Margaret Cooper, Tina Payne and Lynda Wilson 15 – 16; Diane Purnell, Shirley Wilkinson, Jan Lewis and Elaine Dobie 24 – 10. Match score: Cowbridge 59 Pencoe 36.

That week the men only played one game. It was on Saturday in the Cardiff Municipal Division 4 League at home to Barry Romilly. Although the Barry Club play their home games on grass, they have many experienced indoor players who quickly adapted to the Cowbridge carpet.

The team skipped by Roger Barwick took an early lead but then failed to score on 10 of the 21 ends. The team skipped by Alan Wallace won more ends than their opponents but lost by 1 shot. The team skipped by Bob Penn lost the last 7 ends but managed to hold on for a 1 shot win.

Captain Norman Wilkinson's four failed to win on 11 ends including the last 5.

Rink scores: Guy Morton, Nick Gough, Andrew Morgan and Roger Barwick 18 – 23; Gerry Lloyd, John Collin, John Nixon and Bob Penn 19 – 18; Gerwyn Watkins, John Wathes, Clive Pritchard and Alan Wallace 14 – 15; Terry Dunsworth, Bryan Hole, Colin Wilson and Norman Wilkinson 16 – 22. Match score: Cowbridge 67 Barry Romilly 78.

The lady bowlers continued to pick up points both at home and away.

On Monday, July 1, playing Cardiff G at Sophia Gardens in a two-rink evening league match they managed a draw on one rink but lost on the other and the match overall.

Rink scores: Dorothy Pritchard, Maggie Penn, Sylvia Hole and Kay Edwards 15 – 15; Diane Purnell, Caryl Davies, Tina Payne and Elaine Dobie 14 – 20. Match score: Cowbridge 29 Cardiff G 35.

The following day, playing Porthcawl Ladies at home in a Cowbridge Shield Match, it was a comfortable three-rink

win for Cowbridge

Rink scores: Sylvia Hole, Liz Gough, Joy Woolford and Phyllis Price 37 – 7. The 37 include a 'hot shot'. This occurs when all 8 bowls are closer to the jack than those of the opponents. Well done ladies! Janet Morton, Cath Thomas, Helen Nixon and Jan Lewis 26 – 7; Tina Payne, Corrie Bufton, Lynda Wilson and Jan Lewis 22 – 7. Match score: Cowbridge 85 Porthcawl Ladies 21.

Back on their travels in the Thursday afternoon league game to the Pyle and Kenfig Club, although losing overall, the team of Mary Dowdle, Joan Bradley, Joy Woolford and Elaine Dobie secured a fine 18 – 16 win.

Other rink scores: Caryl Davies, Maggie Penn, Sylvia Hole and Helen Nixon 9 – 23; Dorothy Pritchard, Diane Purnell, Phyllis Price and Lynda Wilson 11 – 13. Match score: Cowbridge 38 Pyle and Kenfig 52.

The men were involved in three matches, all away from home.

On Monday they played top team the Ely Valley Club in an evening league triples competition. This club has years of experience of playing at the top and were too strong for Cowbridge, winning on all 4 rinks.

Two days later the men were playing Cadoxton in the Munro Cup and gained some away points with a draw on one rink and a win on another.

Rink scores: Owen Hopkins, Nick Gough, Brian Williams and Colin Wilson 16 – 16; Terry Dunsworth, John Collin, Bryan Hole and Norman Wilkinson 14 – 21; Gerry Lloyd, Terry Foley, Andrew Morgan and Bob Penn 18 – 11; Tony Lewis, Arwyn Rees, John Nixon and Clive Pritchard 5 – 27. Match score: Cowbridge 53 – Cadoxton 75.

To finish off the week it was back to the valleys to play Penygraig in a Division 4 League game which was played in Cymmer Porth. There is a strong tradition of family bowls being played in the valleys. There was a contrast in the teams in that while all of Cowbridge team are retired, those playing for Penygraig were of working age or some were still at school. Cowbridge drew on one rink but lost on the others and the match overall.

Rink scores: Alan Jordan, John Collin, Terry Foley and Roger Barwick 13 – 13; Gerry Lloyd, Gerwyn Watkins, Bryan Williams and Andrew Morgan 23 – 26; Terry Dunsworth, Nick Gough, Bryan Hole and Clive Pritchard 13 – 20; Ron Dobie, John Wathes, Ken Payne and John Nixon 9 – 29. Match score: Cowbridge 58 Penygraig 88.

MB

Barry Central's game at Penarth Belle Vue is a closely-fought match-up

THE Barry Central Bowls Club men's team, once again, faced a Saturday without a match.

The match against Llantwit, a friendly replacing the CML fixture against Ely, was cancelled with Llantwit not able to raise a team.

This enabled the club to play some of its competitions, while members not involved played in a general roll-up. It is a worrying situation: with games being lost, there is the matter of keeping the interest of players focused.

Thankfully, the mid-week game in the Munro Cup against Penarth Belle Vue did take place

at Penarth. Once again, the club won on two rinks; the match did end up much closer than of late, but the club still lost. Many of the club players found the opponents' green very difficult to come to terms with.

However, good news appears to be the order of the day for the ladies' team. On July 2 the team played against Llantrisant at home, in a two rink match.

Against strong opponents both ladies' rinks won, giving the team full match points. On July 4 once again at home, the ladies played against Pontyclun in a league match. The Central ladies proved too strong for their visitors, winning

quite convincingly on both rinks and enabling them to come away with full match points. These wins must have placed the ladies in very favourable league positions.

While work is being carried out by male members to improve ground facilities, matches still have to be played. This week will see the men's team at home on Wednesday, July 10 in the Munro Cup against Barry Athletic followed on Saturday, July 13 with another home fixture in the Cardiff Municipal League (CML) against one of its regular opponents Ynysybwll 'A'.

BC

Double for Flint at Newton Abbot – by Brian Lee

BRIDGEND trainer John Flint landed a rare double at Newton Abbot last week.

He won the Novices Handicap Chase with *Court Duty* and the Conditional Jockeys' Mares Handicap Hurdle with course and distance winner *Khismet*.

The former, partnered by champion jockey Richard Johnson, got home by a neck and was returned the 5-2 favourite, while the latter, ridden by leading Arabian horse racing jockey Charlie Price, won by 12 lengths at odds of 6-1.

Ogmore-By-Sea's Christian Williams took the Handicap Chase with his seven-year-old *Lord In Red*, which was ridden by west Wales James Bowen.

He won by a head from the Evan Williams-trained *Marble Moon*. Christian was at one time Evan's assistant trainer.

There was more Welsh success in the Selling Handicap Chase when Bridgend's Connor Brace, riding the Fergal O'Brien trained *Show's Over* beat the top weighted *Harbour Force*. *Show's Over* was available at odds of 11-1.

Brian Lee

Good win for Isabel at Market Rasen

LLANCARFAN'S Isabel Williams chalked-up another winner under Rules when landing the Lady Amateur Riders Handicap Hurdle at Market Rasen last Sunday.

Isabel, a leading Welsh point-to-point rider, riding the Jedd O'Keefe-trained *Native Fighter*, got her mount home by a short head from the favourite *Jimmy Rabbitte*.

Brian Lee.

Barry Beavers Swimming Club news

RECENTLY, a team of 20 Barry Beavers took part in their first swimming gala of this year, after a delayed start of the season.

Twelve of the team returned with medals – four bronzes, five silvers and three golds and the Swimming Club team finished in second place.

On June 20, both Jen and Nicholas attended a session at Rhondda Polar Bears Swimming Club to assess some of the swimmers doing their

green badges, accompanied by Chris and Pat.

Most were awarded their green badges and the others were given extra time to try again at a later date.

On June 22, there were some new members attending, who were allocated a helper to assist them while in the water.

The club has recently had new members joining and taking part in the sessions.

NC

St Mary's Seniors enjoy the rising temperatures

ST Mary's Senior Section began their week with a friendly fixture against the Seniors of Cottrell Park Golf Club.

Regrettably, St Mary's run of away losses continued with the home side closing out the match with a score of five a half to two and a half.

The following day, 30 members of the section teed off in their July Medal competition.

Scoring conditions were ideal in the fine weather and, with plenty of run on the ball, the field took full advantage.

At close of play, the leaderboard showed four players tied on the one under par score of 67.

After the necessary countback, Gareth Thomas was awarded the victory with Fred Furby placed second and Gareth Jones third. Stuart

Crowhurst was the unlucky man edged out of the placings.

Evans completed a memorable day by bagging the only two of the day on hole seven.

Two days later, on the hottest day of the year so far, the section closed out a busy week by playing an individual Stableford competition.

Once again, the scoring reflected the ideal conditions with all three of the top returns exceeding the par score of 36 points.

Fred Evans' continued run of good form earned him third place with a score of 38 points. New member, Mike Tayler went one better to capture second place on 39, leaving section scribe, Norman Lloyd, to claim the victory with a solid 40 points.

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European adventure is over for Barry Town United as Cliftonville put on the pressure

BARRY Town United are out of the UEFA Europa League, after falling 4-0 to Cliftonville in north Belfast on Thursday (July 4).

By air and sea, scores of enthusiastic Town supporters made the journey to Ireland's oldest football club, hoping to see their team build on an encouraging first leg stalemate and secure progress in a European competition for the first time since 2001.

However, Barry's road to Norway hit an abrupt red light, as the Reds of Cliftonville outclassed a travelling Town side wearing classic green in Europe for the first time.

Undoubtedly aware of the opponents' formidable home record, manager Gavin Chesterfield made two changes to his starting line-up from the first leg in Wales, switching in the defensive duo of Paul Morgan and Troy Greening for Jenner Park newcomers Luke Cummings and Jack Compton.

Morgan and Greening had both been part of Chesterfield's squad that was briefly and uncere- moniously yanked from

the Welsh pyramid in 2013, with European starts a fitting prize for years of loyalty and toil. Sadly though, there would be no fairytale Europa League chapter for the long-serving pair on Thursday night, as Paddy McLaughlin's team lived up to their promise that a warm welcome off the field would not necessarily translate to one on it.

From the outset at historic Solitude, site of international football's first-ever penalty and the original home of Ireland's national team, Northern Ireland's European play-off winners appeared to have the edge on their JD Welsh Premier League opponents.

It was Cliftonville striker Joe Gormley who helped set the tone with an adventurous effort from the right flank, forcing Barry goal- keeper Mike Lewis to tip over his crossbar.

Though openings for the visitors came at a premium, there was an encouraging early moment as Kayne McLaggon showed strength to overpower Ronan Doherty, but his subsequent right-footed rocket failed to threaten

goalkeeper Richard Brush.

It was a set piece that saw Barry's evening begin to unravel, Doherty's left-footed corner gliding its way to the back post, where Conor McMennamin was on hand to connect with a textbook header; the dangerman of the first match squeezing between a handful of Town defenders and rising highest to score.

With a score draw still enough to see the visitors through, all was not lost for Barry; yet the Town's task became all the more tricky in the 41st minute, when clinical Cliftonville doubled their advantage.

Captain Chris Curran this time was the catalyst, pressing name- sake Chris Hugh with some confident attacking footwork, before squaring across the area for an unmarked Gormley to smash home a deflating second.

With 57 goals in 73 outings since returning to the Reds in 2017, he once again lived up to his 'Joe the Goal' moniker.

Now needing at least two goals, Barry attempted to negotiate the sea of Red shirts, yet

were thwarted at every turn. Attacking the end that housed Town's travelling supporters, it was Jonathan Hood who finally forced Brush into action, trying his luck with a low drive at the near post, only for the former Coventry City goalkeeper to save with relative comfort.

Regrettably, though, for Barry it was counter- part Lewis who found himself the busier of the shotstoppers, parrying Rory Donnelly's attempt from distance, before seeing Doherty's left-footed slice slip past his post.

Lewis was left a spec- tator on another occasion when Gormley looked to tap in his second, but Town were mercifully spared, as the prolific marksman managed to somehow lift the ball over the crossbar from no more than two yards out.

Into the closing stages, Barry's fate was sealed on 82 minutes when some exciting build-up play allowed Conor McDermott to control in the box; the loanee opting to shoot, rather than square to Donnelly, and give his team with an unassailable 3-0 lead. Nevertheless, former

Swansea City fringe player Donnelly made his own mark with six minutes remaining, find- ing plentiful space after Gormley had stretched the Town defence and delivering a deft finish to wrap up the tie at a clear-cut 4-0.

It was difficult to fault the Barry players for effort, yet Cliftonville were a cut-above for the length of this second leg.

While Thursday's result was disappointing for Barry, few support- ers will soon forget their visit to Belfast, where friendships were born and lasting impressions made.

As a number of supporters embarked on a defiant conga, it was clear the appe- tite remains to make European matches a fixture of the club's calendar.

REPORT BY ASHLEY COX

Good win for Sully over local rivals

SULLY Sports Bowls Club hosted the Murch in the Munro Cup on Wednesday, July 3, on a most pleasant warm sunny evening, and the green playing well and fast.

The conditions suited the home team better, and they won on all four rinks, securing the maximum 14 points, with an aggregate win of 89-40.

K Aguis' rink were behind for only one end, on the 3rd, and were 5 shots clear after the 8th, when the Murch staged a recovery to tie the scores at 12 apiece on the 12th, but then the Sports re-grouped win- ning 5 of the remaining 6 ends, for a comfortable 23-13 victory.

Lee Romans' rink initially struggled against some fine Murch bow- ling, finding themselves down 5 shots after 10 ends, but a spectacular recovery saw them win 7 of the remaining 8 ends to clinch a 19-12 win.

C Coomber's rink won the first 5 ends, and never looked back, limiting the Murch to success on only 6 of the 18 ends, and cruised to a 23-9 victory.

G Brown's rink was even more dominant, leading from the 1st end, only losing 6 ends throughout, and all those by a single shot, for a rewarding 24-6 win.

Rink Scores:

P 10-31.
Collier, B Knight, B Matthews, G Brown 24-06; J Pearce, D Davies, G Currie, C Coomber 23-09; A Fitt, D Austin, P Holland, L Romans 19-12; B Daniels, M Stafford, G Tricket, K Agius 23-13.

Sully Sports Man-of-the-Match: G Brown.
On Saturday, July 6, Sully Sports, with a much-weakened side, made the long uphill trip to Beaufort for their latest PGI fixture, were in an uphill struggle from the first end, and suffered probably their heaviest defeat in years, going down by 41-114 shots.

New comers, Beaufort to the PGIs, having recently purchased the ground from the local council, have now played five PGI games, won them all, not losing on any rink, to record maximum points in every game.

On the great form Beaufort showed in this game, they must be cer- tainties to be promoted at the end of the season.

K Aguis' rink won a shot on the 1st end, conceded 19 shots over the next 7 ends, before staging a minor fightback, by winning 7 of the last 12 ends, but scored too lightly to pull back the deficit, going down eventually by 17 shots.

B Matthews' rink also won the 1st end, but could only manage 4 more successful ends, to sink to a defeat by

C Coomber's rink were level after 4 ends, but conceded 12 shots in the next 3, and although the game was more even for the remaining ends, they could not close the gap to lose 14-26.

As well as skip G Brown bowled, his rink managed to take only 5 of the 21 ends, with most of the damage done in the middle sec- tion of the game, when some superb home bowling saw Beaufort take 8 consecutive ends, and run out winners by 29-6.

Rink Scores: P Collier, A Fitt, A Collard, G Brown 06-29; J Pearce, A Thomson, G Currie, C Coomber 14-26; M Stafford, L Adams, P Holland, K Agius 11-28; B Knight, R Gallivan, D Austin, B Matthews 10-31.

Sully Sports Man-of-the-Match: C Coomber.

Sully Sports Bowls enjoyed success in win- ning the Romilly Open Triples Championship, on July 7, when Lead Bob Matthews, 2nd Lee Romans, and Skip Ken Agius beat three times winners Llantrisant, by 15 shots to 5, in the final.

MS

Romilly Bowls Club round up for June

ON June 8, Romilly A side travelled to Cardiff to play Fair oak.

The scores were:
Rink 1: Don Evans, Alan Seviour, Anthony Jones and Skip John Kirk, a win by 25 - 13.

Rink 2: Eric Fortt, Phil Herbert, Paul Ross and Skip Tony Freeman, 17-all draw.

Rink 3: Paul James, Stuart Simpson, Phil Edwards and Skip Ray Hewitson, a win by 41 - 8.

Rink 4: Arthur Champ, Glyn Sheppard, Brian Parker and Skip Barrie Griffiths, a loss by 21 - 25
Aggregate score: 104 - 63

On Saturday, June 15, Romilly A side played Rumney Cardiff.

Rink 1: Eric Fortt, Alan Jones, Paul Ross and Skip Tony Freeman. Result 18 - 22.

Rink 2: Paul James, Peter Hunt, Stuart Simpson and Skip Ray Hewitson. Result 25 - 14.

A much needed win for the

Romilly side.

Rink 3: Don Evans, Alan Seviour, Phil Herbert and Skip Dennis Mottram. Result 10 - 32.

Rink 4: Arthur Champ, Glyn Sheppard, Brian Parker and Skip Barrie Griffiths. Result 12 - 41.
Aggregate Score: 65 - 109

On Saturday, June 22, Romilly entertained St Albans.

Rink 1: Paul James, Stuart Simpson, Phil Edwards and Skip Ray Hewitson. Result 15 - 22.

Rink 2: Eric Fortt, Brian Parker, Mike Gronow and Skip Barrie Griffiths. Result 24 - 7.

Rink 3: Des Bannister, Don Evans, Anthony Jones and Skip John Kirk. Result 14 - 20.

Rink 4: Dennis Mottram, Alan Jones, Paul Ross and Skip Tony Freeman. Result 12 - 19.

Aggregate Score: 65 - 68
On Saturday, June 29, Romilly travelled to Cowbridge.

Rink 2: Dennis Mottram, Alfie Woolcock, Paul Ross and Skip Tony Freeman. Result 23 - 18.

Rink 3: Paul James, Arthur Champ, Phil Edwards and Skip Ray Hewitson.

A very closely-fought contest with Romilly getting one shot on the last end to win by 15 - 14.

Rink 4: Eric Fortt, Brian Parker, Mike Gronow and Skip Barrie Griffiths. Another closely encounter, with Romilly 19 - 6 down after 14 ends but then picking up 12 shots in the last seven ends, just losing by 1 shot, by 18 - 19.

Rink 5: Des Bannister, Don Evans, Anthony Jones and Skip John Kirk. Result 22 - 16.

An excellent away win for the Romilly A Side, Aggregate 78 - 67

JWK

Barry RFC latest club news

THE Lottery at Barry RFC rolls over again this week to £4,750 after last week's numbers, 02 - 09 - 17 and 22 failed to produce a winner. No ticket matched three balls.

Barry have announced details of three warm up pre-season games: August 10 - Pontypool United - home; August 17 - Talywain - home; August 31 - Heol-y-Cyw - away.

Keen competition for chess club championship

THE second round of the Barry Chess Club Championships recently took place and all 12 remaining competitors played.

As in the first round there was one surprise result. Ken Curry who has not had the best season did beat a player rated 410 places above him.

This win puts him in equal fourth place in the table along with Erion Pici. Both of these players are not only leading in the Plate Competition but are also well ahead for a rating prize.

The other games went with the stronger players all winning. Dave Parsons, Tom Cooke and Martin Ricketts are all on 100 per cent.

Dave and Tom have the same tie break score so share the lead with Martin in third.

Mike O'Leary and Sam White earned their first victory in the Open

Section.

At this early stage in the competition there have not been any draws.

Seven players have one point and only two are yet to get off the mark.

Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website, we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>.

Phil Jones.